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## School kids dive in for their classmate

BY CHRIS KNIGHT

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IS IT a bird? Is it a plane? No, it's a group of primary school children soaring through the sky!

A brave group of five and six-year-olds from Oxley Park Academy will today undertake a daring charity skydive on behalf of Just The Way You Are (JTWYA) – a support group that helps families of children living with Down's Syndrome.

The thrill-seeking pupils will be defying gravity in recognition of their classmate Amy Flin – who has the condition – ahead of World Down Syndrome Day on Monday.

Graham Fayers, father of twins Ethan and Verity at the school, has organised the indoor skydive at Airkix for this afternoon.

A total of 39 people – 22 of whom are Year One pupils – will be taking the plunge and Graham blames his 'daredevil' daughter for the idea.

He said: "Verity wanted to do it and I thought it would be good to get a group together and fundraise – it has just snowballed from there!"

"It is quite a scary and challenging thing to do at that age, but the children will hopefully have some fun."

"I'm always keen for my kids to push themselves and get confidence by doing things like this."

"I read at the school and some of the kids are quite shy and this will help push boundaries and serve as a good bonding and team exercise with their friends."

At the time of going to print, the group had raised £428 on behalf of JTWYA, which is completely funded by parents for anyone in the city and surrounding area to use.

Teachers, teaching assistants and parents will be joining the pupils for



Skydive: Pupils from Oxley Park Academy will be skydiving this afternoon. Find out how they got on at [onemk.co.uk](http://onemk.co.uk)

the skydive and Amy's mother Louise – a volunteer for JTWYA – is grateful for the children's kind gesture.

She added: "When I first heard, I was touched they were doing it on behalf of Amy."

"She loves the school – she isn't seen differently by the school or the children there."

"I think it is a very brave thing to do and it should be a good experience."

"It is a huge deal for this group to get this level of funding and I think the kids will benefit from helping the community, and most importantly

having fun.

"Amy's dad is doing the jump in her place, so we're going to cheer him and everyone else along!"

Emma Keane, a Year One teacher at the school who is taking part in the skydive, added: "As a school, we encourage our children to take risks and build confidence and I think this will raise the children's awareness of Down's Syndrome."

"Because they have known Amy since the beginning of school, none of them see her any differently."

"We have talked a little about

Down's Syndrome in advance, but we will draw more attention to it on Monday in an assembly."

The fundraising total has been boosted by Airkix, after it pledged to donate £10 for each flyer taking part.

Andy Godwin, general manager at Airkix Milton Keynes, said: "We will be delighted to see the children from Oxley Park here and this is just one of many good causes that we are privileged to help support."

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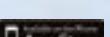
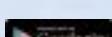
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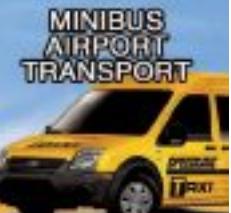
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# What IF. . ?

MILTON Keynes International Festival (IF) will return this summer and promises to be the biggest yet with a world class line up to again put the city on the UK's artistic map.

The bi-annual event produced by The Stables is in its fourth edition and after bringing more than 200,000 people and £7million to MK in 2014, IF 2016 is forecast to be even more successful.

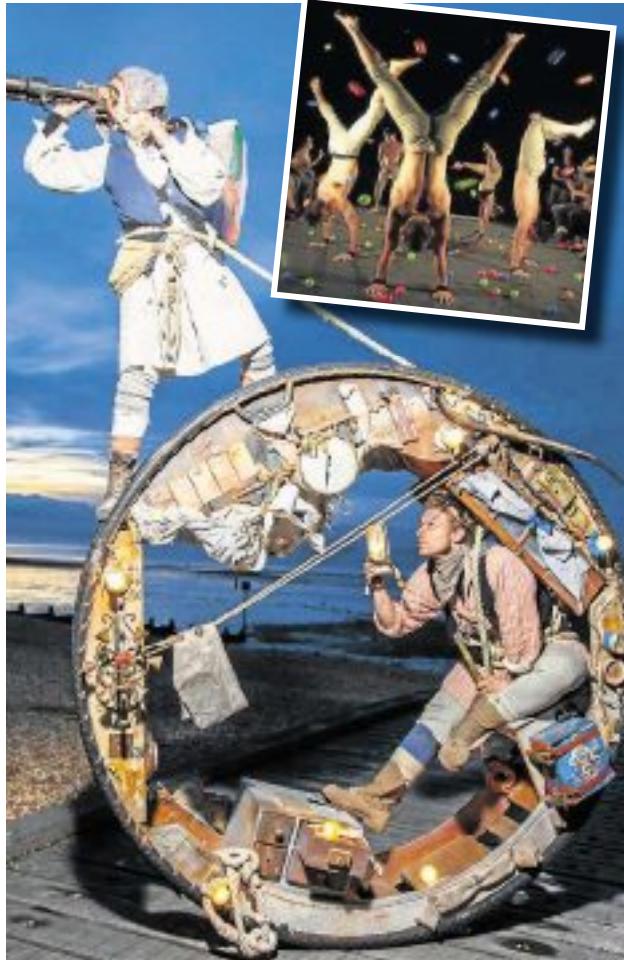
This year's festival from July 15-24 will again include lots of music, art and family events, including giant

dominoes, a huge floor and an interactive aerial performance. Festival director and chief executive of The Stables, Monica Ferguson, said: "The 2016 Festival is the biggest yet with a wide-ranging programme."

"Inspired by Milton Keynes, world class artists are creating adventurous new and bespoke projects and more local people than ever before will be taking part."

The festival, supported by OneMK, will take over CMK with events going on from the city centre to Willen Lake. Artists from all over the world are involved.

Dr Ann Limb CBE DL, chairman of IF, added: "The International Festival is central to Milton Keynes' city-making agenda and long-term artistic and cultural ambitions, particularly this year as the city approaches its 50th anniversary in 2017."



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# Vehicles seized in police action



**Clampdown:** The road policing team and, inset, the officers out on the operation yesterday

BY JESSICA DUNCAN

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**ONEMK joined the road policing unit yesterday – racing up and down the motorway chasing uninsured, untaxed and illegal drivers.**

The unit was out on the M1 between junction 14 for Milton Keynes and junction 15 as part of a Number Plate Recognition Operation.

As well as many untaxed and uninsured vehicles being seized, there were also a lot of overweight lorry drivers facing fines. But what was most revealing about the operation was how owners of

foreign vehicles think they can get away with not abiding by UK laws – even getting away with not paying parking tickets because their details have not been registered with the DVLA.

Sgt Simon Hills said: "These operations are designed to tackle cross border criminals and deny them the use of the road illegally. I want to send a clear message to criminals that you can't travel through Thames Valley and expect not to get picked up by us."

One driver had gone to extreme measures to save money on insurance. After buying a car in the UK and realising how much more

expensive his insurance would be, the owner took the vehicle back to his home country of Bulgaria and insured it there before bringing it back to this country.

As well as avoiding DVLA registration, this meant the driver didn't pay tax or have an MOT, but because he lives in the UK he was driving illegally. The car was seized and he now faces a considerable fine.

Foreign vehicles can be driven in the UK for six months in a 12 month period by anyone visiting. Those studying here can also drive their vehicles. But anyone residing in the UK has to abide by UK laws.

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## Awards for police

POLICE and the public were recognised for exceptional courage and initiative at a Commander Commendations ceremony in Milton Keynes on Monday. Read their stories at [onemk.co.uk](http://onemk.co.uk)

## Parking problems

A CMK councillor Pauline Wallis is consulting with residents in Bradwell Common after complaints commuters are parking inconsiderately in the area. Share your views at [facebook.com/onemknews](http://facebook.com/onemknews)

## Jaguar driver named

THE driver of a blue Jaguar who died in a collision with a lorry on the A509 in Newport Pagnell has been named as Michael Ridgway, 52, from Olney. Witnesses to the accident at about 8am on March 2 can call police on 101.

## Conman tricked OAP in attempted burglary

A CONMAN claiming to be from the water board deceived an elderly woman in an attempted distraction burglary.

At about 7pm on March 7 the 92-year-old victim allowed the offender into her home in Crispin Lane, Bradville. When he left, she checked

upstairs and noticed the bedroom and wardrobe doors were all open.

The offender is white, pale-skinned, 5ft 7ins, in his late 40s or early 50s and was wearing a woolly hat, scarf and a light-coloured jacket.

Anyone with information should contact police on 101.

## Firefighters issue warning

AFTER a washing machine fire in a flat yesterday morning, Buckinghamshire Fire and Rescue Service has urged people to check if their electrical products have been recalled.

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# Inject cash into our NHS

I WRITE on behalf of the MK Pensioners Association in support of Paul Griffiths' comments about GP services in Milton Keynes. (OneMK, March 9).

This is of particular concern to older patients who are most in need of the service.

Doctors' workload has risen by 20 per cent in the past six years and is still rising, yet GP budgets have been cut. In fact they receive a lower percentage of the NHS budget than they have in decades.

Some doctors are carrying out 60 patient consultations a day, plus home visits to frail, elderly patients.

Paul is also correct in his criticism of NHS England. For the uninitiated NHS England is the quango that since 2012 carries out the duties once performed by the secretary of state. Thus, the NHS is no longer under democratic control.

The outcome has been the transformation of a nationally mandated public service to one based on commercial contracting, which is not accountable to Parliament.

NHS England's policies are derived from advice given by management consultants and big accountancy firms, who usually have links to private health companies. Millions of pounds have been given to these companies.

The NHS throughout most of its existence enjoyed low administration costs of around five to six per cent of its budget. Competition and commissioning have doubled those costs.

Some doctors in Milton Keynes spend almost all their time writing up bids for contracts. Time and money that would be better spent on patient care.

It is well and good telling patients they will be able to go for treatments 'somewhere else'. Other practices are struggling to cope and are finding it difficult, if not impossible, to recruit doctors. Patients will have to wait longer for an appointment and travel further. Older people will again

## Send picture to win a funny prize



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and see just a pile of rubble where the beautiful working sundial once proudly stood.

Ian Michie should be applauded in all his efforts to see the sundial returned back to Bletchley.

I question what the motive was to move the sundial by Vodafone to start with? Bletchley has such few artworks on public display and to lose a sculpture by the world renowned artist Wendy Taylor is pure vandalism in my book!

Maybe Vodafone was afraid that the sundial may have become listed and therefore future development of the site problematic.

The Vodafone building built as the headquarters for Telephone Rentals in 1976 is, in my opinion, one of the best architecturally designed buildings of the 1970s in Milton Keynes.

The building and sundial deserve to be reunited and listed with much merit.

**Mitch Hicks, Bletchley**

**comment**  
**Jon Brett**  
His column written exclusively for OneMK

OF COURSE the Civic Offices in Central Milton Keynes need a £6million refurbishment... some very important decisions are made there. Including that one.

Opened in around 1978, this strange looking building is the administrative hub for MK.

As a young local newspaper reporter, I have many memories of sitting through countless tedious meetings in the chamber, struggling to hear a word anyone said because of the poor acoustics and failing audio system.

And historically I've walked through the endless open plan offices with staff beavering away behind beige coloured office dividers. All very 1970s. In fact the last time I was in the Civic Offices, I'm sure they were all still using fat screen computers and fax machines.

So let's hope a bit of colour, life and imagination is injected into the new-look offices. That may in turn spark some new life and excitement that can be felt across the city.

Let's have a council hub that reflects the energy a city as young as Milton Keynes deserves. No more grey suits and a little more inspiration and vision.

## f Your messages on the vandalised fence in Tongwell Street on our Facebook page /OneMKNews

**Dave Mark:** Cameras and lights (possibly regular police/PCSO patrols) and 4ft concrete barriers down the central reservations. I don't need to see what is happening the other side of a dual carriageway, I will be too busy concentrating on my side of the road.

**Richard Daubney:** If the idiots want to risk their lives crossing dangerously then that's their choice. I have no sympathy. Despite there being a bridge between Shenley Brook End and Westcroft District Centre people of all ages still attempt to cross the main road itself.

**Sean Porter:** Should have more fences like this. The city was carefully designed for pedestrians and motorists to coexist in safety. If you walk over the road in an area that is not for crossing then you are in danger.

**Hetal Dholakia-Hathi:** The fence erected in Marlborough Street where the schoolgirl died two years back is also rendered useless by so many crossings from Tinkers Bridge to Netherfield and vice versa.

**John Barrett:** Drive around the outskirts of the city centre and you always see people walking down the

centre of the dual carriageway. No matter how they upgrade the underpass people will always try crossing the road.

**Chris Steadfast:** Crossing the road is 100 per cent safe when there are no cars coming. Building shoddy fences to impede people's movement is ridiculous. If I'm going to cross the road where I want then I'll climb the damn fence too!

**Jan Rees:** Reduce the speed limit on these roads and put in safe crossings and signs to make drivers aware.

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**Hungry:** Fifteen homeless people enjoyed their meal in Bletchley, courtesy of Milton Keynes Welfare Association and Open Door



## Tasty treat for those living on the streets

A PILOT scheme to feed the homeless has been launched in Bletchley.

A collaborative effort between Milton Keynes Welfare Association (MKWA) and charity Open Door MK provided three-course lunches to 15 homeless people in Queensway

Methodist Church.

Hungry visitors tucked into Tandoori chicken to start, chicken curry with basmati pilau rice for main and a slice of apple pie for dessert. The lunch was paid for by MKWA members and prepared by Open Door volunteers. Mohammed Choudhury,

vice-chairman of MKWA, hopes local businesses can sponsor future meals so they can be held on a regular basis in the near future.

He added: "We would like people like ourselves to come forward and help our organisation and the community at large."

# 'More homeless could die here'

BY PHILIP MCELENEY

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THE YMCA has warned there could be more deaths on the streets if something isn't done about the city's homeless problem.

The comment was made by the charity's chief executive Ian Revell at a Milton Keynes Council cabinet meeting on Monday night and comes just days after Patrick Allen – a man in his 40s known to the homeless community – died.

Mr Revell said: "If we don't

**Tributes have been left for Patrick Allen**



do something about this urgently, there are likely to be more fatalities."

A friend of Mr Allen told OneMK he felt isolated in his

accommodation, which was away from anyone he knew.

A Milton Keynes Council spokesman said: "He was offered emergency accommodation in February, which was out of area as that was all that was available. Mr Allen was due to have his accommodation reviewed on Monday.

"Sadly, Mr Allen did not let us know he had problems in his accommodation."

A council report has suggested what needs to be done to help the homeless – see more at [onemk.co.uk](http://onemk.co.uk)

**Selfie:** Nicole Sedgebeer with homeless Mark



## £11k raised for man who helped worker

AN ARGOS worker has so far raised more than £11,000 through a JustGiving page for a homeless man who helped her find her way home from London.

Nicole Sedgebeer, 22, was on a work night out last Thursday when she became stranded outside Euston at about 3am.

With the station doors locked and her phone out of battery, Nicole was alone and fearful of what to do. But in her hour of

need, a homeless man called Mark walked her to a nearby all-night café to make sure she was safe, and even led her back to Euston in time for the first train home at about 5.25am.

Nicole said: "We had breakfast and he told me about his life. He used to work with the army and has been homeless for 12 years.

"So I have set up a page to help him get back on his feet and get a job."

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Sisterly support:  
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Mike

## Fundraising bid for sister's IVF 'dream'

A LOVING sister has set up a crowdfunding page for her sibling to help her have an extra attempt at IVF.

Gem Newby, from Old Stratford, admitted to OneMK that her sister was probably going to kill her for doing this, but she said: "She never asks for anything. As her sister you just feel helpless and I want to be able to do something."

Gem has set up the crowdfunding page in an attempt to raise the £5,000

needed for her sister Helen Lyon and husband Mike to have another go at IVF. More than £1,900 has already been pledged.

On the fundraising page, Mrs Newby, who is a mother-of-four, said: "These two people, who I adore, deserve this more than anything in the world. They have been through so much stress and heartbreak over the last few years, more than most people could take, and have stuck together through it

all. Sadly they are not eligible for funding so all attempts at trying to reach their dream falls on them to finance.

"And sadly the financial aspect to things is really the only thing stopping them from trying again."

Helen has a daughter from a previous relationship but after being with Mike for 12 years, the couple want a child of their own.

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# Advice on offer after chip blaze

BY PHILIP MCELENEY

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**AN INQUEST** has opened after a man died in a fire after trying to cook chips in a pan in his kitchen.

Alan Ware, 66, died following the fire at his home on Fishermead on March 6. Thames Valley Police has previously said it believes he tried to extinguish the fire.

Milton Keynes Coroner's Court was told on Friday that Mr Ware and his family had been celebrating Mother's Day.

After his wife went to bed at

about 10pm, Mr Ware had been trying to cook himself some chips in a chip pan in his kitchen before the fire started.

Emergency services were called to the scene in Fishermead Boulevard and identified the body of a male in the kitchen.

Following his death, fire safety advice will be offered to residents by members of Buckinghamshire Fire and Rescue Service.

Representatives from the fire service will be at the monthly Fishermead Residents' Association

meeting at the Trinity Centre on Monday at 7.30pm.

A spokesman for the fire service said: "Multiple houses and high concentrations of people in areas like Fishermead and other estates can increase the risk of fire.

"If you discover a fire, we always urge people to get out of the property and call 999. Hopefully there will be a big turnout at this meeting, and opportunities for us to visit people's homes and offer fire safety advice."

A full inquest into Mr Ware's death is expected to take place on August 2.

### oneMK briefs

#### Cigarette thieves jailed

THREE men who stole high-powered cars to rob £80,000 of cigarettes from commercial deliveries have been jailed for a total of 20 years.

#### Teen pregnancies fall

THE latest figures show teenage pregnancy figures in MK have fallen again this year, with teenagers representing just 2.11 per cent of all expectant mothers.

#### Free year at museum

A NEW ticketing scheme at Milton Keynes Museum means visitors can pay once and return as many times as they like for 12 months, free of charge.

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## Plans for drop-in centre on estate

FISHERMEAD Residents' Association is fundraising to open a drop-in centre on the estate to help jobseekers find work.

The association is in the first stage of an asset transfer of the former landscape depot in Pentewan Gate and is hoping to open an IT suite for the community to use.

Terry Baines, chairman of the association, said: "We found there are a lot of families who have no

computers so our idea is to put in three PCs for the community to use.

"It is all about people who are struggling in claiming their benefits, or getting them into work.

"The estate needs it and as soon as we have some funding, I'm positive we can start moving forward with it."

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# Thieves target mourning OAPs

BY CHRIS KNIGHT

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**AN ELDERLY** duo have been left devastated after sentimental items belonging to their mums were stolen on Mother's Day.

Christel Imrief and David Wheeler visited their mothers' graves at Crownhill Crematorium but returned to the car park at about 2.10pm to find the windows of David's Ford Focus smashed in and their valuables gone.

Heartless thieves snatched a gold pen belonging to Mrs Imrief's mother and a brooch and necklace belonging to Mr Wheeler's mother and grandmother respectively.

Mrs Imrief, from Bletchley, said: "I went to the cemetery to put flowers on my mother's and husband Peter's graves – it was the 20th anniversary of his death."

"It was such a terrible shock. How can someone do this to a pensioner on Mother's Day?"

"The car was completely smashed – everything was taken out of my bag and purse. They've already used my debit card four times."



**Heartbroken:** David Wheeler and Christel Imrief can't believe thieves would target pensioners as they mourned in a cemetery

"I've had to change the locks on my house and I do not feel safe – every time I close my eyes, all I can see is that glass everywhere, it's horrible."

Bank cards, keys and mobile phones were also stolen but both have been left heartbroken by the loss of their family heirlooms.

Mr Wheeler, from Oldbrook, added: "My heart fell to my feet when we saw the car because a lot of the items taken are irreplaceable – the

car can be fixed but our sentimental items are gone."

"My mum had had her brooch since 1942 and my nan had had her necklace since the 1920s/30s."

"I can't imagine how low the thieves must be – in a cemetery of all places."

"I would just like to know why they pick on pensioners – in my eyes, they have no morals."

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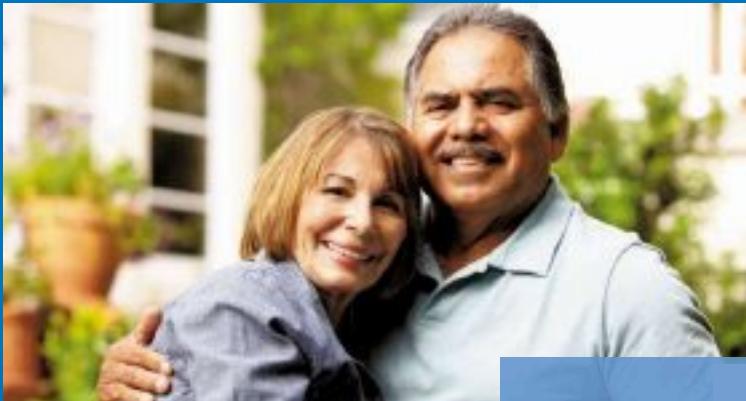
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**A slice of history:**  
Bletchley Park historian Dr David Kenyon and GCHQ departmental historian Tony Comer with the letter from Dwight D Eisenhower

# Letter unveiled

BY SCOTT KIRK

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**A LETTER** from Dwight D Eisenhower praising the men and women who worked at Bletchley Park during the Second World War was unveiled at the attraction yesterday.

The personal thank you note from Eisenhower, who was Supreme Commander of the Allied Forces during the Second World War, to Sir Stewart Menzies, wartime chief of the Secret Intelligence Service, spent several years hanging on the wall of the top

secret office of the Chief of MI6 in London.

In the letter, dated July 12 1945, Eisenhower, who went on to be US President, expressed his 'heartfelt admiration and sincere thanks', stating that the intelligence from Bletchley Park had been 'of priceless value to me'. He added it had 'saved countless British and American lives' and had 'contributed to the speed with which the enemy was routed and eventually forced to surrender'.

The letter will be given pride of place near the entrance to the main building at Bletchley

Park and GCHQ departmental historian Tony Comer says the document is of huge significance. "There are very few things that can tie such a massively important figure like Eisenhower into our work," he added.

Bletchley Park historian Dr David Kenyon added: "The letter is a symbol of how important the work was."

Sir John Scarlett, chief of MI6 from 2004 to 2009, unveiled the letter at the park.

In a speech he said: "He didn't write letters like this every day. The work from here continues to this day."

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**Jobs:** Opening of the new Waitrose distribution centre in Magna Park means more jobs in Milton Keynes

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# 'Don't be afraid to talk about it'

BY CHRIS KNIGHT

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PARENTS are being urged not to make legal highs a 'taboo subject' by talking to their children and raising their concerns.

Jo O'Connor, assistant director at Compass – a community-based health and wellbeing service that provides drug advice – insists talking about legal highs, or new psychoactive substances, won't encourage

age children to start using.

She added: "The best advice for parents – whether they suspect anything – is to talk to their children."

"By talking to them you take the myth away, so we always say don't be afraid to talk."

An information event is being held at the Silbury campus of Milton Keynes College tomorrow night.

From 6.30pm, experts from Compass, police and MK Council will answer questions.

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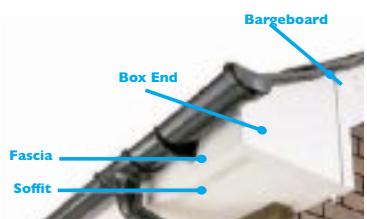


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# The age old concern about old age

We recently had the internationally recognised World Economic Forum annual meeting at Davos, Switzerland. Since it first began in 1971, politicians, business leaders and even the odd celebrity have come together to discuss the current issues that face us all on a global scale and brainstorm solutions on how to overcome them.

One concern that was brought to my attention was that not only is the global population still growing, it is becoming older. The statistics from the 'United Nations' estimate that by 2050 the total world population will be 9.7 billion, with 25% of all people being over the age of 65.

As we become older our bodies unfortunately do start to function a little less than they used to and either you, your friends and family you know will start to slowly be affected by health problems. And therein lies the problem. From a financial perspective as we all start to see our life expectancy increase, so too will the costs of our medical care. Worryingly it has been revealed from recent studies by the Alzheimer's Society, that by 2025 there will be over 1 million people in the UK living with dementia; with a global increase from 35.6 million in



**Scott Kent**  
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2015 to 115.4 million in 2050! This is a staggering increase and not only will this have a detrimental impact on the cost to the state but also to the individuals themselves.

The cost of care is un-expectantly high. Did you know that the average cost of residential care in the UK is around £29,500 per year?

It is a staggering amount which can deplete your savings very quickly and can even force you to sell your home in order to pay for the costs. Growing old therefore can be seen as a rather daunting and scary notion, but if you have the right protections in place you can try and stay one step ahead of the game.

It is imperative therefore that you start to protect yourselves now before it is too late. Not necessarily from Dementia or other related illnesses, it might be just to have some "rainy day funds" aside to cover future health costs, or protecting your families' inheritance through the use of a Will. Other ways can include setting up a Lasting Power of Attorney, so chosen executors can make financial or health decisions on your behalf if you ever became mentally incapacitated, investing in Offshore Bonds for your children's inheritance or even reviewing your pensions past performance, it all can make a difference.

Ask yourself, do you have the right protection in place? Is your Will up to date and correct? Do you have adequate income protection or life cover? Inheritance tax issues? Are your pensions growing?

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Installing CCTV cameras into all underpasses would be very costly including the cost of the continued maintenance and monitoring of the cameras. Neither the council or partners have the funding or resources required to do this. The perception of crime on underpasses and redways is high, however, the real number of reported crimes committed in these areas is actually a lot less.

Why can't underpasses and redways be better lit with bushes cut back to give visibility?

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What is being done to educate children and teenagers about road safety?

The road safety team regularly visits local schools to teach children about road safety and offers Bikeability

courses for pupils to learn how to cycle safely.

The council has invested £20,000 into the Safety Centre to deliver a programme educating primary school children about where and how to cross the road.

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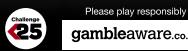
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**Space:** Dr Stephen Lewis at the launch event at the Open University, where they screened the launch of the European Space Agency's ExoMars mission



# A mission to Mars

BY PHILIP MCELENEY

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**SCIENTISTS** from the Open University will help to determine if there is life on Mars, after they watched the launch of the mission they are involved in.

Dr Stephen Lewis and Dr Manish Patel have both played key parts in the European Space Agency's ExoMars mission, which launched in Kazakhstan on Monday. Part of the research is being co-led by the Milton Keynes-based Open University.

The mission – which will arrive at Mars in October – aims to study its atmosphere and look for signs of potential life.

Dr Lewis, a senior lecturer in physical sciences at the Open University, said: "The bigger question is if the planet has ever supported life. It won't answer yes or no, but it will give us more information towards answering the question."

The university's department of physical sciences is co-leading on NOMAD (Nadir and Occultation for Mars Discovery) with academics

from three other higher education and research institutions in Europe.

One of Dr Lewis' roles is in the landing of the capsule on Mars' surface, which will find out vital information about the planet's atmosphere as it makes the descent.

The potential presence of methane on Mars has got a lot of people excited and Dr Lewis explained the significance. He said: "We wouldn't expect methane to be there really, if it was a dead planet we wouldn't expect to find it. It would be destroyed in about 300 years."

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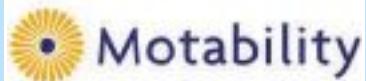


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# Young people flock to Apprentice Show

BY JESSICA DUNCAN

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THOUSANDS of schoolchildren attended the first National Apprenticeship Show in Milton Keynes this week.

The event at Arena:MK took place on Monday and Tuesday with stands from more than 100 businesses, colleges and education providers.

Exhibitors had many different games and displays to engage the young people, aged from nine to 17.

As previously reported by OneMK, The National Apprenticeship Show, run in National Apprenticeship Week, aimed to highlight the different opportunities available to young people once they leave school.

Nadhim Zahawi MP, the Prime Minister's advisor on apprenticeships, and Ann Limb CBE, chairman of SEMLEP, were present at the show.

Mike Bickerdike, one of the organisers of the National Apprenticeship Show, said: "We were thrilled with the number of people who



Apprenticeship Week: Young people from and around Milton Keynes at the show at Arena:MK this week

visited. After inviting schools from around the area, many turned out in bus loads."

The Mayor of Milton Keynes, Councillor Keith McLean, who was also in attendance, praised the show as a 'great event, showing off the opportunities for young people when they leave school'.

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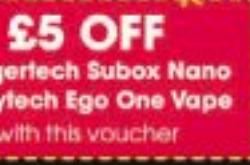
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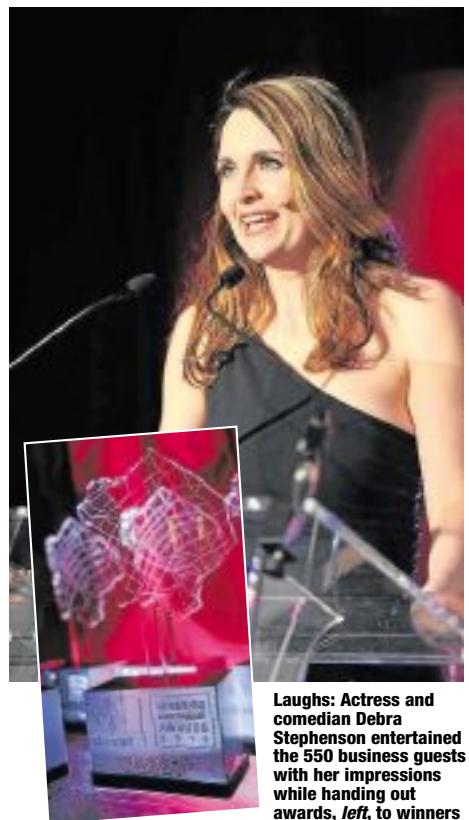
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Above: Dr Philip Smith, chairman of MK Business Leaders Partnership, which organised the awards along with Interdirect and Evolution  
Below: Keiron Goody, operations director, and Natalie Cook, company director, from National Locums



# Celebration



Laughs: Actress and comedian Debra Stephenson entertained the 550 business guests with her impressions while handing out awards, left, to winners

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**Top award:** Dr Ann Limb, second from left, with, from left, Dr Philip Smith, Jon Corbett, head of Northampton and Milton Keynes corporate at Barclays, and awards compere Debra Stephenson

BY CHRIS KNIGHT

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THE business community came out in force on Thursday night for the Milton Keynes Business Achievement Awards, supported by OneMK and Business MK.

Dr Ann Limb bagged the Lifetime Achievement Award, while National Locums were awarded Business of the Year.

Elsewhere, there was success for Willen Hospice Retail, after it was named winners of the Independent Retailer award, sponsored by OneMK.



**Winners:** Willen Hospice Retail received the Independent Retailer Award from OneMK's editor Cally Jenkins, left



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The new card will entitle carers to up to 50 per cent off food and drink and services including leisure, entertainment, financial services and transport.

The card was launched by charity Carers MK with MK North MP Mark Lancaster at intu Milton Keynes shopping centre.



# Number of prisoner deaths is criticised

BY PHILIP MCELENEY

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A NEW report has raised concerns about violence and self-inflicted deaths at HMP Woodhill – just days after an inquest opened into the death of another prisoner.

Robert Michael Fenlon, 35, from Northampton, was found hanging in his cell in the prison on March 5.

An inquest into his death was opened at Milton Keynes

Coroner's Court on Friday.

And a report published yesterday by Her Majesty's Inspectorate of Prisons criticised the number of deaths at Woodhill after 12 prisoners died since 2012.

Martin Lomas, deputy chief inspector of prisons, said although Woodhill is improving there are still concerns.

He said: "Levels of violence are a significant concern and the number of self-inflicted deaths has been

unacceptably high."

Claire Murdoch, chief executive of Central and North West London NHS Foundation Trust, said: "We accept the conclusions reached – including everything on healthcare – and particularly endorse the three main recommendations the inspectors make to the governor."

The inquest into Mr Fenlon's death is expected to continue in July.

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# Charter to drive better bus trips

BY SCOTT KIRK

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PEOPLE with sight problems no longer needing to flag down buses and an improved service for disabled people are among the items in the Milton Keynes Bus Passenger Charter revealed on Monday.

The charter has been written from the passenger's perspective to identify the minimum standards they can expect on the city's buses.

Other points include properly maintained shelters, regularly updated timetables and an encouragement to buy tickets online to reduce delays.

Drivers have been asked to park as close to the kerb as possible and stop whenever they see someone waiting at a bus stop with a white stick or guide dog.

All the bus companies that operate in Milton Keynes have agreed to sign up to the charter, which has taken two years to finalise and was launched at The National Bowl.

Peter Ballantyne, chairman of the MK Bus Users' Group



**Charting the course of the future: Partners officially launch the Milton Keynes Bus Passenger Charter at The National Bowl**

(MKBUG) that has drawn up the charter, said: "The recurring complaint over the years from the bus using public in the city has been the variability of the bus services provided."

"The charter addresses items that affect the bus user's journey and includes the needs of disabled passengers and infrastructure issues."

MKBUG has worked with Milton Keynes Council and

bus companies including Stagecoach and Arriva.

Patrick Stringer, commercial director for Stagecoach Midlands, said: "This has reaffirmed what we want to do to support our customers."

Milton Keynes Councillor Matt Clifton, cabinet member responsible for economic growth and inward investment, said: "This charter shows that we are all working together to improve the experience of using bus services."



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Hitting the high notes: Members of Hannah's Yard from Olney Hannah Layton Turner, James Reader, left, and Barnaby Pinny

# Group's debut song

BY PHILIP MCLEENEY

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AFTER releasing their debut single, a group of local musicians has received airtime on BBC Radio 2, as well as widespread praise.

Olney-based Hannah's Yard – a musical collective featuring the vocals of 19-year-old singer Hannah Layton Turner – released their debut single Why Would I Know earlier this month.

They have performed on Justin Dealey's Saturday Breakfast Show on BBC Three Counties, as well as being featured on BBC Introducing

and getting airtime on regional radio stations.

The collective, which have an acoustic approach, has been a long time in the making, after Barnaby Pinny and James Reader first discovered Hannah's musical talents when she was just 14, after she recorded a song in memory of her late grandfather.

"Basically it's founded by a 19-year-old singer with the voice of an angel," Barnaby said.

"We stuck by her, but we thought she was too young to go in to the music industry but we stayed in touch."

"When she was about 17 we just said to her and her mum did she fancy having a go at doing music professionally?"

"She took the chance not to go to university. We've made an album and released the debut single."

The group are set to release their debut album in the summer and the momentum their music has generated has surprised the musicians.

Barnaby explains: "We just weren't expecting it. It's got a life of its own to be honest!"

"I've been in this industry for a long, long time and I've never seen anything move so quickly."

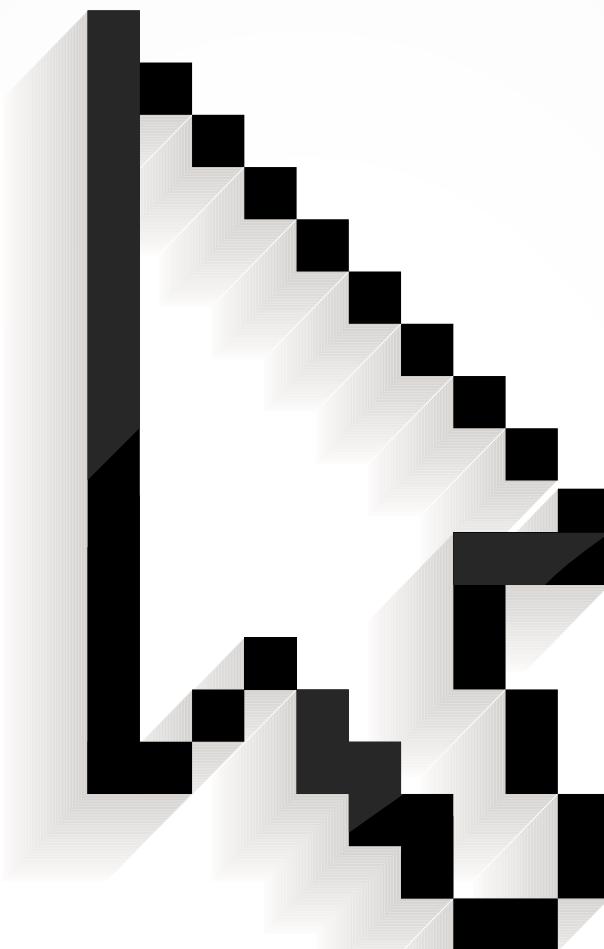
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# Golden chapter

A CHARITY that has helped thousands of children and adults with learning disabilities celebrates its 50th anniversary this year.

MacIntyre, which has its headquarters in South Seventh Street, CMK, has released a book celebrating the lives of the people it helps with an in-depth look at their achievements.

The charity – which helps 1,500 children and adults a year – was chosen by The London Gala Ball as its charity and two MacIntyre members, Katherine Marfleet and Joanne Bowering, were picked to dance with celebrity dancers Andrew Cueden and Nuno Sabroso at the event on Saturday.



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Dancing queen: Katherine Marfleet and her mum Wendy, who made her dress for the gala ball

## Members

One of the people MacIntyre helps is Katherine Marfleet, from Old Farm Park, who danced at The London Gala Ball on Saturday alongside professional dancers.

She has Down's Syndrome and currently works part-time as a receptionist while studying for a relevant qualification.

## Future

MacIntyre continues to help thousands of people across the UK.

The jubilee work has been released as a book and is currently being exhibited at the National Media Museum in Bradford, but it hopes it will be able to bring the work to Milton Keynes in the future.



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# Dog owners facing fines for microchips

BY CHRIS KNIGHT

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**DOG** owners in the city have just three weeks to ensure their pets are microchipped in order to avoid potential criminal prosecution and a fine of up to £500.

From April 6, all dogs aged eight weeks and over must be chipped and registered to a database.

Owners who fail to do so could be fined as much as £500 and OneMK columnist Dr Amy Converse from Vets4Pets Bletchley has explained the legislative change.

She said: "The new law is important and has been changed to improve dog welfare and tackle irresponsible pet ownership.

"Consequences for not being compliant is a potential criminal prosecution and a £500 fine.

"Owners are usually given notice, but if they fail to comply the enforcer can seize the dog."

The small electronic chip is inserted via a needle and each one contains a unique



**Chipped: Dr Amy Converse thinks the new law will be 'important'**

reference number that Chip Check ahead of April 6, links to the owner's contact details.

It is hoped the move will clamp down on illegal breeding and reunite missing pets with their owners.

Vets4Pets Bletchley is hosting a Big

Chip Check ahead of April 6,

at the discounted price of £10.

Owners looking to get their dogs checked should make an appointment in advance by calling 01908 377113.

#### THE KEY FACTS

- Comes into effect on April 6
- Owners who fail to comply face a criminal prosecution and a fine of up to £500
- The microchip is implanted just under the dog's skin
- Latest PDSA report indicates 83 per cent of dogs are chipped

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## Tinkerbell to star in Easter family activity day at Westbury

**PETER Pan, Tinkerbell and Captain Hook will be at the Westbury Arts Centre on Saturday, March 26 acting out scenes and working with students from Arts1 School of Performance.**

After the outstandingly successful Madhatter's Teaparty in 2015, this year's event will include a variety of scenes such as the Darlings' bedroom,

the Lost Boys Den and, of course, Captain Hook himself.

The crocodile could well catch up with him – but you'll have to come along on the day to find out for yourself.

Scenes from Peter Pan will be enacted throughout the house and gardens and there will

also be a treasure hunt and other activities, as well as refreshments in the barn.

There will be several showings of the scenes during the day, as well as other activities. And parents can enjoy looking round the centre and relaxing with a cup of tea.

There is no formal admission fee, although the

centre is asking for a small donation of about £2 per adult to help cover the costs.

Westbury receives no regular funding and events are run by the centre itself with a group of volunteers.

The event runs from 11.30am until 4.30pm on March 26.



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## cooking class

THOSE of you looking for ways to expand your culinary skills and learn more about cooking with vegetables can go along to the Veg Masterclass by Riverford at Oakgrove School on Saturday.

The two-hour hands-on cooking course will see you chopping and preparing fresh, organic vegetables to help make tasty meals, which you then eat. Depending on seasonal availability, you get to make things like sweet and sour leeks with quinoa, rice and mustard vinaigrette dressing and purple sprouting broccoli with four dressings.

The class starts at 11am and runs until 1pm. To book a place, go to [eventbrite.co.uk](http://eventbrite.co.uk)



## familyfun

**WIN**  
family tickets  
to popular  
attraction

VISITORS to 360 Play Milton Keynes are in for some exciting surprises in the near future with the centre set to undergo refurbishment work.

The popular family attraction in Knowhill will close from April 18-29, during which time the activities will be revitalised.

New elements will be added and popular features such as the toddler play area and Messy Play unit will be given new homes in the venue.

The 360 Play team is working on ideas and designs to improve the centre's look.

To enter log onto [www.onemk.co.uk/competitions](http://www.onemk.co.uk/competitions)  
Alternatively send your answer, name, address and daytime telephone number to OneMK, 1 Diamond Court, Fox Milne, MK15 0DU by noon on Wednesday, March 23. The editor's decision is final

Mascots Twizzle and Twirl will welcome visitors back at the reopening on April 30 and for full details of opening times visit [360play.co.uk](http://360play.co.uk).

To be in with a chance of winning one of 10 family tickets, answer this simple question:

- What are the names of the 360 Play mascots?  
A) Twizzle and Twirl  
B) Fizzie and Pearl  
C) Woody and Buzz

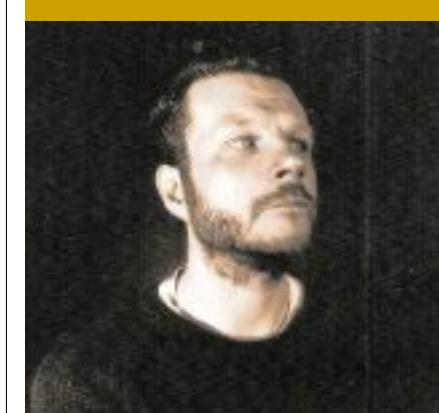


## saturdaymusic

A FORMER member of melodic post-hardcore band Crash Of Rhinos will perform at MK Gallery as part of the Saturday Live Music event.

Richard J Birkin originally operated solo under his Emphemetry moniker and has been focussing for the last couple of years on his own work, which can take the form of soundtracks, string quartets, intimate folk songs, ambient soundscapes, instrumentals, solo piano, audio tinkering or post-rock.

Doors open at 7.30pm. To buy tickets, costing £5, go to [live.advancedticketing.co.uk](http://live.advancedticketing.co.uk)



Out and about  
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## claire sweeney

**AHEAD** of *Hairspray The Musical* coming to Milton Keynes Theatre, MK LIFE spoke to Claire Sweeney.

The actress, best known for her role in Channel 4 soap Brookside, plays the baddie in the musical, Velma Bon Tussle.

She said: "It is a fabulous character and very liberating. I have never played a baddie in a musical so it is good fun."

"I think the story of *Hairspray* is really relevant today, especially the size and race issues that are still very prevalent."

"Many of our audiences on the tour so far have given us standing ovations – I have never been in a show that has had such a response."

*Hairspray* takes audiences to Baltimore in 1962 where Tracy Turnblad, a big girl with big hair and an even bigger heart, is on a mission to follow her dreams and dance her way onto national TV.

Tracy's audition makes her a local star and soon she is using her new-found fame to fight for equality, bagging local heartthrob Link Larkin along the way.

"I have been to Milton Keynes Theatre before to do pantomime and I love it here. I can't wait to perform here again in *Hairspray*," added Claire.

Tickets for the show, which is at the theatre from Monday, April 4 to Saturday, April 9, cost between £27.90 and £55.90.

There will be shows every night from 7.30pm and a matinee performance from 2.30pm on Wednesday and Saturday.

Book your tickets at [www.atgtickets.com/milton-keynes](http://www.atgtickets.com/milton-keynes)

MK LIFE columnist The Parks Trust is sharing its spring flower success across the city following the mild winter. Have you spotted the wild colours taking over the green spaces?

## ALREADY there is plenty of wild colour in our parks and woodlands.

The generally mild winter meant that many plants were already putting on growth in December and early January and primroses have already been out in force for weeks.

The primrose can be seen flowering throughout MK, hardly a road verge or woodland bank lacking in them.

If you are very lucky, you may also stumble upon some early purple orchids with their deep purple flowers and heavily spotted leaves. Shenley Wood and Linford Wood are probably the best sites for this scarce beauty.

A close relative of the primrose is the cowslip. These lovely plants are far less common in the countryside, but in the last few years, they have produced a lovely show on the slopes of the Belvedere – the large hill in the centre of Campbell Park. They have responded well to conservation grazing our sheep have provided too.



## big breakfast

**HEART MK FM** breakfast team Stuart and Katy are looking forward to the arrival of the **Gruffalo Experience** in Middleton Hall at the centre:mk this Easter.

After the press preview on Friday, the Gruffalo Experience opens to the general public on Saturday until April 10.

It's a fun, interactive journey into the deep dark wood to meet the Gruffalo and other characters from the picture book.

Something to keep an ear out for all this week is our big Willen Lake promotion. Each afternoon from 4pm, we'll

be giving you the chance to try your hand at one of five fantastic activity experiences at Willen Lake.

From an Ariel Xtreme pass for the family or an adventure week for one, to a zorb party for eight people or your very own private water sports session, make sure you keep listening for the chance to win some fantastic activity experiences at the lake.

Finally, make sure you've got Sunday in your diary, as we'll be hosting another Heart Wedding Show at the Double-Tree by Hilton Hotel at stadiummk. All the details are online at [heart.co.uk](http://heart.co.uk) Tune in to Heart Breakfast with Stuart Miles and Katy Hill on Heart 103.3 FM, DAB.



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Saturday	9 <sup>th</sup>	90's Night with Ultra 90's	£30.00pp
Friday	15 <sup>th</sup>	80's Night with 80's Re-Invented	£25.00pp
Friday	22 <sup>nd</sup>	Take This-Take That Tribute	£25.00pp
Saturday	23 <sup>rd</sup>	DecaDance - Music Through the decades	£30.00pp
Friday	29 <sup>th</sup>	The Mix Party Band	£25.00pp
Saturday	30 <sup>th</sup>	Dirty Dancing Tribute	£30.00pp

## May

Friday	6 <sup>th</sup>	Mixed up 80's	£25.00pp
Saturday	7 <sup>th</sup>	Abba Arrival	£30.00pp
Friday	13 <sup>th</sup>	The Catch-60's to present day	£25.00pp
Saturday	14 <sup>th</sup>	Boogie Wonderband	£30.00pp
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**stables**encore

**AS PART** of his tour for new album Encore, singer Andrew Roachford will be coming to The Stables next Wednesday.

Andrew has spent the past three years co-writing and touring with Mike and the Mechanics and also had his song Cuddly Toy played in movie Alpha Papa.

Tickets are priced at £18.50 for the performance, which begins at 8pm. For more information, visit [www.stables.org](http://www.stables.org) or call 01908 280800.

**hip-hopduo**

**SUPPORTED by Kev G and Har-Q, hip-hop duo Dead Prez will be performing at MKII Live Music Venue in Kiln Farm on Friday night.**

Formed in 1996 in New York City, the pair have three studio albums to their name.

Beginning at 8pm, entry is open to all those over the age of 18.

Tickets cost £14.30 at [seetickets.com](http://seetickets.com) or call the venue direct on 01908 262924.



**celeboverload**

**I WAS** really looking forward to watching Hail Caesar! when I saw the trailer for the film.

There are a myriad of stars in this film, including Josh Brolin, George Clooney, Scarlett Johansson, Channing Tatum, Ralph Fiennes, Jonah Hill and Tilda Swinton.

But I found the film ended up being about celebrity spotting rather than the plot.

For a comedy I also found it quite underwhelming – there were some humorous moments but it just didn't do it for me.

Films with loads of stars can be something of a disappointment because it feels like a battle to give the superstar actors as much screen time as possible.

Tatum and Johansson were at their usual best, but the rest were much of a muchness.

The plot is about Clooney's character being kidnapped on the set of a big budget movie and it is up to Brolin to get him back. That's basically it, which means everything the other actors do is just a sideshow to the main plot and it all feels a bit frivolous.

I was very disappointed with this film and I'd spend your money on some of the other great stuff that's out at the cinema at the moment.

Scott Kirk



**aqua**review

**HAVING** eaten several 'okay' meals at big Italian chains, I was eager to try something different and Aqua in The Hub certainly didn't disappoint.

The first thing I noticed was the absence of pasta and pizza menus as long as my arm and instead several more meat-based dishes – which sounded fine to me.

We started with both the king prawns and risotto balls. The prawns came with a perfectly-spiced tomato sauce and rustic bread and the risotto balls oozed mozzarella.

For mains I opted for the pollo farcito – breadcrumbed chicken stuffed with cheese and pesto, served with spaghetti and crispy onion. It sounds like an unusual mix but it actually worked well.

The slow roast duck parpadelle tasted slightly too much of aniseed for my pallet, but it didn't spoil the dish.

The brownie was one of the best I've tasted – and that's saying something – and the creme brulee was excellent.

Philip McEleney



Your essential guide to events big and small throughout Milton Keynes

# MK life HOTPICKS

## strictlydancing

**STRICTLY** Come Dancing choreographer and performer Brendan Cole will be hoping to wow the crowds with his cast of dancers at Milton Keynes Theatre on Friday, March 25.

Supported by a cast of dancers, Brendan will be hoping to entertain through a spectacular mixture of ballroom and Latin dance.

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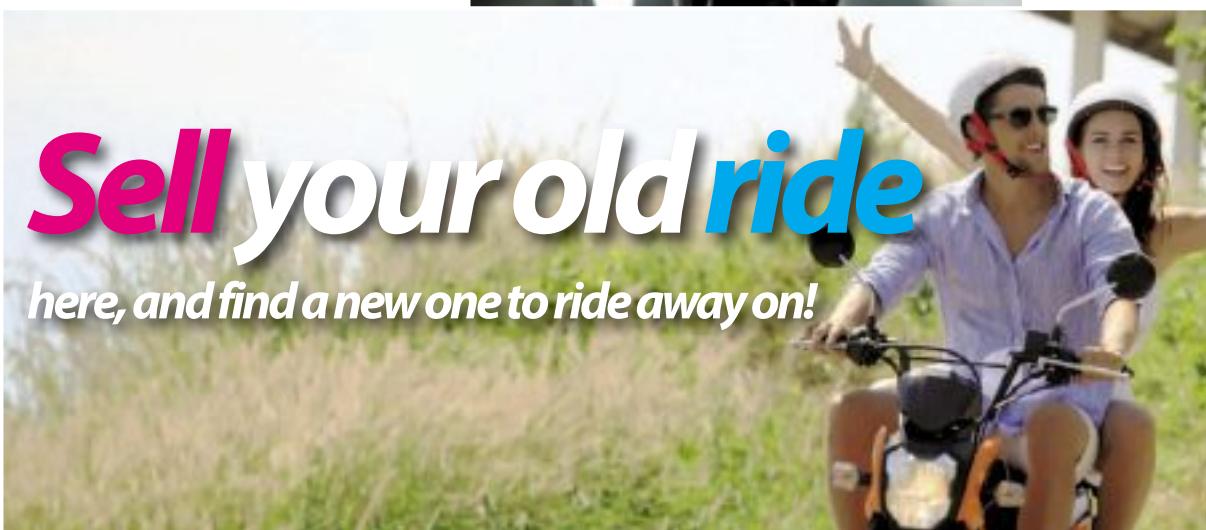
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## louiseharper

**SINGER, songwriter and musician Louise Harper will be appearing at The Casino MK on Friday.**

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The event, which is strictly for over 18s, is free to attend.

## hendrixhits

**A SELECTION of Jimi Hendrix's best-known tracks will be played at The Stables on Saturday.**

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**GILLY**, 36, green eyed red haired nurse looking to start a new life with similar lonely male also looking for genuine love. Tel No: **0906 515 4426** Box No: **420713**

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# Popular with visitors

The beautiful and green market town of **Olney** lies on the River Great Ouse. Known for its independent shops, this little gem has a wealth of other attractions worth a visit

With its buzzing high street and beautiful fields and parks, Olney offers the luxury of a country lifestyle but is still near to Milton Keynes' city amenities.

It is a popular visitor destination best known for the Olney Pancake Race since 1445 and the hymn Amazing Grace written in the town in the 18th century by John Newton.

The town has a history of lace-



making and during the English Civil War it was the site of the Battle of Olney Bridge.

#### ■ House prices

The houses of Olney ooze character and include many large historic town houses, as well as quaint cottages.

The average property price is above the average in Milton Keynes. The average price of a house in Olney is £328,299 whereas in Milton Keynes it is £250,033.

A one-bedroom house or flat in Olney is around £190,000 where as a family house of three to four bedrooms is between £300,000 and £600,000. There are some million pound properties available too – some with more than seven bedrooms.

#### ■ Parks

Olney has an abundance of green spaces and Emberton Country Park is one of its highlights.

The park, situated in Emberton Village which borders Olney, opened in 1965 and is set over 200 acres.

It has many beautiful lakes, a camping and caravan site, horse and bike trails as well as two children's play parks and a sensory

garden. The park is brimming with wildlife from rabbits to ducks, geese, swans and many other birds.

It is incredibly popular with families for days out with various picnic areas and you can take a barbecue too as long as you don't cause any damage and clear up afterwards.

#### ■ Attractions

The Cowper and Newton Museum in the town centre celebrates the work and lives of two famous local residents - William Cowper, a celebrated 18th-century poet, and John Newton, a prominent slave trade abolitionist who was curate in the local church.

Together, Cowper and Newton wrote the Olney Hymns. You can learn all about them and the town's history at this stunning Georgian building.

#### ■ Shops

Olney is well-known for its amazing independent shops from clothing, shoes and jewellery to art and furniture.

Find everything you need to make your house unique at The Nest at No.9 and get an outfit for any occasion at Noa Noa Olney – to



name just a couple. There are also a couple of charity shops, cafes, a pharmacy, Co-operative, Tesco Extra, greengrocers, butchers, bakers and post office inside a convenient store.

If that wasn't enough there are also three antique shops including Dodo Antiques. All the shops are easily found around the Market Place and High Street.

#### ■ Pubs

After all that shopping you will certainly be parched and there are three pubs in the town – The Bull

Inn, which faces the Market Place, and The Two Brewers and Swan Inn and Bistro along the High Street.

All of them serve food and drink and are popular within the town as well as attracting punters from outside the area.

#### ■ Restaurants

There are also lots of nice restaurants to grab a bite, celebrate an occasion or have a lovely romantic meal.

The Bell and Bear in Emberton is an award-winning restaurant with locally sourced food delivered daily

and offers a taste of fine dining. It gets booked up months in advance so you will have to get in there quick.

The Courtyard Brasserie is a hidden gem of Olney tucked down a little alley way off the High Street. It is well known for its breakfast and lunch menus. Its full English and bagels are to die for.

If you fancy some Italian food there is Café Brio and Donzella Italian Restaurant.

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**Flipping good fun:** Olney is best-known for its annual Pancake Race

Pillars and The Old Shanghai.

#### ■ Leisure facilities

As a very family orientated town there is lots for the children to do.

Olney rugby and football clubs have teams of all ages for boys and girls and have even created some union players and have particular links with Northampton Saints.

There is also a cricket, tennis and running club.

If you are not into your sport though, the Community Centre has various classes from chess to bowls.

You can also embrace Emberton Country Park even more with the sailing and windsurfing clubs.

#### ■ Schools

Ousedale School in Olney is an academy for those aged 11 to 19 with another campus in Newport Pagnell. Ofsted rates it as 'good' with 'outstanding features'.

Olney Middle School is for seven to 11 year olds and is also rated 'good' by Ofsted.

And Olney Infant Academy and Emberton School are for ages four to seven.



**■ Commuting**  
Olney has the A509 road cutting through it allowing easy access to junction 14 of the M1 motorway and Northampton or Bedford.

It is 17 minutes from Wolverton Train Station, 20 minutes from Milton Keynes Central train station and 25 minutes to Bedford Train Station.



**Step back in time:** Paula Noble, manager of the Cowper and Newton Museum

## DID YOU KNOW?



- History states that on Shrove Tuesday in 1445, the 'Shriving Bell' rang out to signal the start of the Shriving church service. On hearing the bell a local housewife, who had been busy cooking pancakes in anticipation of the beginning of Lent, ran to the church, frying pan still in hand, tossing the pancake to prevent it from burning, and dressed in her kitchen apron and headscarf. Now the women of Olney recreate this race every Shrove Tuesday by running from the Market Place to the Church of St Peter and St Paul, a distance of over 400 yards. The traditional prize is a kiss from the verger. Olney competes with the town of Liberal, Kansas, in the United States for the fastest time in either town to win the International Pancake Race.
- British racing driver Daniel Wheldon was born in Emberton. He was the 2005 IndyCar Series champion and a two-time winner of the Indianapolis 500, having won the race in 2005 and 2011. He died aged 33 following a crash during a race in Las Vegas in October 2011.
- Everyone knows the song Build Me Up Buttercup – well the song was written by The Foundations and lead singer Clem Curtis, pictured above, lives in Olney.



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- Large Living Space
- Kitchen/Breakfast Room
- Garden & Off Road Parking

**Newton Leys** £399,995

► EPC B

**Hanslope** OIEO £350,000

- Detached Family Property
- Five Bedrooms
- Gardens & Integral Garage
- Ample Off Road Parking
- Viewing Highly Recommended

**Hanslope** OIEO £350,000

► SSTC

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► Help to Buy Available

**Cosgrove** £325,000

- Village Location
- Three Bedrooms
- Extended Lounge
- Ample Parking & Garage
- Viewing Highly Recommended

**Cosgrove** £325,000

► NEW PRICE

► Awaiting EPC

**Bletchley** £285,000

- Canal Side Development
- End Terraced Townhouse
- Three/Four Bedrooms
- Three Bathrooms
- Well Presented

**Bletchley** £285,000

► Awaiting EPC

**Yardley Gobion** £270,000

- Semi Detached Home
- Three Bedrooms
- Village Location
- Re-fitted Bathroom
- Extended Lounge & Kitchen

**Yardley Gobion** £270,000

► Awaiting EPC

**Cosgrove** £265,000

- Modern End Terraced Home
- Two Double Bedrooms
- Two Reception Rooms
- Garden & Off Road Parking
- Luxury Kitchen/Diner

**Cosgrove** £265,000

► INSTRUCTION

► EPC D

**Bletchley** £220,000

- Detached Property
- Three Bedrooms
- Kitchen/Diner & Lounge
- No Onward Chain
- Popular Location

**Bletchley** £220,000

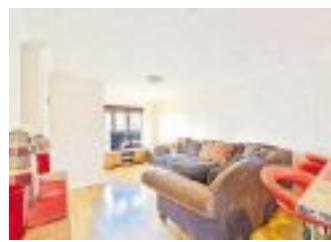
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**Bletchley** £215,000

- Semi Detached Home
- Three Bedrooms
- Two Reception Rooms
- Close to Transport Links
- Front & Rear Gardens

**Bletchley** £215,000

► Awaiting EPC

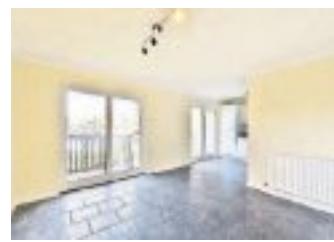


**Broughton** £385,000

- Semi Detached Property
- Five Bedrooms
- En-Suite to Master
- Two Reception Rooms
- Off Road Parking



EPC C



**Peartree Bridge** OIEO £360,000

- Mid Terraced Property
- Four Bedroom Property
- Two Reception Rooms
- Views Over Canal
- Viewing Highly Recommended



EPC C



**Springfield** £340,000

- Detached Property
- Four Bedrooms
- Two Reception Rooms
- Off Road Parking
- Viewing Highly Recommended



EPC E



**Woolstone** £330,000

- Link Detached Property
- Three Bedrooms
- Close to amenities
- Ideal First Time Buy
- Viewing Highly Recommended



EPC E



**Great Linford** OIEO £275,000

- Mid Terraced Property
- Three Bedrooms
- Large Rear Garden
- Off Road Parking



**Bradville** OIEO £260,000

- Link Detached Property
- Three Bedrooms
- Kitchen/Diner
- No Chain



**Great Linford** £230,000

- Mid Terraced Property
- Three Bedrooms
- Off Road Parking
- Close to Amenities



EPC B

**Broughton** £220,000

- Upper Floor Maisonette
- Two Bedrooms
- En-Suite to Master
- Off Road Parking



**Eaglestone** £219,995

- Mid Terraced Property
- Three Bedrooms
- Garden & Garage
- Off Road Parking



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- Ground Floor Maisonette
- Two Bedrooms
- Open Plan Living Area
- Off Road Parking



**Beanhill** OIEO £142,000

- Mid Terraced Bungalow
- One Bedroom
- Cul-de-Sac Location
- No Chain



**PUBLIC NOTICE** £102,500

Taylors Estate Agents are now in receipt of an offer for the sum of £102,500 for 9 Ormonde, Stantonbury, Milton Keynes, MK14 6DH. Anyone wishing to place an offer on the property should contact Taylors, 436 Midsummer Boulevard, Milton Keynes, MK9 2EA, 01908 678151 before exchange of contracts.

**UNDER OFFER**

**Westcroft** £380,000

- Link Detached Property
- Four Bedrooms
- Bathroom & Two En-Suites
- Conservatory

**EPC C**

**UNDER OFFER**

**Crownhill** £340,000

- Detached Family Home
- Improved by Current Owner
- Two Reception Rooms & En-Suite
- Detached Garage

**Awaiting EPC**

**UNDER OFFER**

**Grange Farm** £340,000

- End Terraced Property
- Four Bedrooms
- Bathroom & Two En-Suites
- Lounge & Kitchen/Diner

**Awaiting EPC**

**UNDER OFFER**

**Peartree Bridge** £335,000

- Mid Terraced Property
- Four Bedrooms
- Two Bathrooms
- Garden, Garage & Off Road Parking

**EPC D**

**UNDER OFFER**

**Brooklands** £320,000

- Three Bedrooms
- Lounge & Kitchen/Diner
- Bathroom, Cloakroom & En-Suite
- Car Port & Rear Garden

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**Springfield** £280,000

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- Two Reception Rooms
- Garden & Off Road Parking

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**UNDER OFFER**

**Bolbeck Park** £305,000

- Four Bedrooms
- Kitchen/Dining Room
- Rear Garden
- Garage & Off Road Parking

**EPC D**

**UNDER OFFER**

**Springfield** £250,000

- Mid Terraced Property
- Five Bedrooms
- Two Bathrooms
- Garden & Off Road Parking

**Awaiting EPC**

**UNDER OFFER**

**Furzton** £265,000

- Semi Detached Property
- Cul-de-Sac Location
- Kitchen/Dining Room
- Three Bedrooms

**EPC D**

**Great Linford** £230,000

- Mid Terraced Property
- Three Bedrooms
- Off Road Parking
- Close to Amenities

**EPC C**

**UNDER OFFER**

**Bradwell Common** £220,000

- Mid Terraced Property
- Three Bedrooms
- Two Bathrooms
- Garden, Garage & Off Road Parking

**EPC C**

**UNDER OFFER**

**Netherfield** £165,000

- Converted Townhouse
- Four Bedrooms
- Gardens
- Off Road Parking

**Awaiting EPC**



**Oxley Park** £270,000

Wilson Peacock are offering for sale this immaculately presented two bedroom end terraced property in Oxley Park. The property comprises reception room, kitchen/diner, family bathroom and downstairs WC. Viewing is highly recommended.

**Wolverton** OIEO £250,000

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**New Bradwell** £235,000

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**Bradwell Common** £230,000

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EPC D

**Haversham****Guide Price £595,000**

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**Newport Pagnell****OIEO £380,000**

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EPC D



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**Bedford £315,000**

This three bedroom character cottage is in beautiful condition throughout and boasts plenty of character dating back to the 1700s. This home has been brought up to modern living standards by the current owner and boasts central heating, a re-fitted kitchen and bathroom.

**Haversham £275,000**

Wilson Peacock are delighted to offer this three bedroom semi detached family home situated in the sought after area of Haversham. This home has been fully refurbished by the current owners and benefits from new carpets throughout, new electric garage door and an upgraded kitchen.

**Marston Moretaine £235,000**

Wilson Peacock present this three bedroom terraced property situated in the Bedfordshire village of Marston Moretaine. The property in brief comprises entrance hall, lounge/diner, kitchen, cloakroom, family bathroom, rear garden, off road parking and garage.

**Newport Pagnell Offers Over £185,000**

Wilson Peacock are proud to present this two bedroom, bay fronted, ground floor character apartment. This home is situated in the heart of Newport Pagnell and in brief comprises entrance hall, lounge, kitchen/diner, storage cupboards, shower room and private off road parking.

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- Cloakroom
- Master bedroom with large dressing room
- Two further double bedrooms
- Bathroom with separate shower
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## Little Brickhill

A deceptively spacious two bedroom mid terraced property being one of four properties set within the village of Little Brickhill. EPC D £917 pcm + Fees



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## Husborne Crawley

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**£595,000**

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- Spacious, Luxury and Superbly Appointed Kitchen/Family Room
- Utility Room
- Two Further Reception Rooms
- Cloakroom
- 4/5 Bedrooms
- Bedrooms 1 and 3 Currently Combined Providing a Large Master Bedroom With En-Suite
- Quality Bathroom With Independent Shower
- Sizable Plot
- Double Garage
- Multiple Parking
- Must Be Viewed

**Farthing Grove, Milton Keynes****WAS £119,950 NOW £112,500****NEW PRICE**

A newly released and converted ground floor garden flat nearing completion, which is anticipated early spring 2016. Ideal first time buy or buy to let investment likely rental of £625 PCM. Features include:

- Newly Fitted Kitchen and Shower Room
- Adaptable Accommodation
- Living/Bedroom
- Kitchen-Dining Room
- Private Rear Garden
- Replacement Double Glazing
- Possible Scope For Parking
- Must Be Viewed To Avoid Certain Disappointment

**Farthing Grove, Milton Keynes****WAS £154,950 NOW £145,000****NEW PRICE**

A newly refurbished Three Storey town house in the final stages of completion. Features briefly include:

- 3 Bedrooms
- The Following Fixtures and Fittings are Newly Fitted
- Cloakroom
- Fitted Kitchen
- Bathroom
- Replacement Double Glazed Windows
- Combination Gas Central Heating
- Floor Coverings Optional
- The Outside Offers Off Road Parking To The Front

**St Andrews Road, Milton Keynes**

A unique & extended semi detached family home situated in highly sought after residential area. Impressive & imposing home, occupies an enviable & prominent position. Homes of this quality & location are rarely available, an immediate appointment to view is advised.

- 4 Bedrooms
- Two Reception Rooms
- Refitted Kitchen
- Garden Room Addition
- Guest Cloakroom
- Utility Room
- Loft Room
- Character Features
- Corner Gardens
- Garage
- Driveway

**Broadlands, Milton Keynes****WAS £159,950 NOW £152,500****NEW PRICE**

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A three bedroom mid terrace house offering gas combination central heating with further features to include

- Spacious Kitchen-Dining Room
- Double Glazed Windows and Patio Doors
- Garage to The Rear
- Generous Size Rear Garden

**St Johns Road, Bletchley**

Extended and traditional style semi detached home situated in the desirable Saints area of Bletchley. Features briefly include:

- 4 Bedrooms
- 2 Reception Rooms
- Luxury Refitted Kitchen
- Utility Room
- Conservatory
- Large Master Bedroom with En-Suite
- Character Features Throughout
- Integral Garage
- Parking off Road for Several Cars
- Must Be Viewed

**Stonecrop, Milton Keynes****£250,000**

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**Victoria Road, Bletchley**

A superb late Victorian style terraced house situated in the sought after FENNY STRATFORD area of Bletchley. Features briefly include:

- Two Double Bedrooms
- Additional Connecting Room Ideal to Convert Into An En-Suite
- Two Spacious Reception Rooms
- Large Kitchen
- Ground Floor Bathroom
- Gas Central Heating
- Replacement Double Glazed Windows
- An Early Viewing Is Strongly Advised

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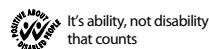
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Please note the school will be closed between 24th March 2016 until the 10th April 2016. Successful applicants for interview will be contacted by telephone in the first instance on Thursday 14th April 2016.

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You will have a minimum of up to 2 A-levels in relevant subjects, or equivalent vocational qualifications (NVQ, BTEC), with potential for further study, or proven developed work experience in a relevant technical or scientific role.

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### Science Technician

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Ref: 2124

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You will have a minimum of up to 2 A-levels in relevant subjects, or equivalent vocational qualifications (NVQ, BTEC), with potential for further study, or proven developed work experience in a relevant technical or scientific role. If not already, you will be encouraged to become a Registered Science Technician.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Council of the Borough of Milton Keynes has on 15th March 2016 made three Traffic Regulation Orders under the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 in relation to the Fixing the Links Scheme in Central Bletchley. The made Orders, the titles of which are recited at the end of this Notice, will have the following effects within the roads and parts of roads within Bletchley as stated below:-

- The introduction of ‘no waiting at any time’ and ‘no loading at any time’ restrictions along parts of the eastbound and westbound carriageway on Queensway between Saxon Street and Buckingham Road/Sherwood Drive/Water Eaton Road;
- To formalise the two bus stops on Queensway, Bletchley between Saxon Street and Buckingham Road/Sherwood Drive/Water Eaton Road;
- To formalise the one-way traffic System on Locke Road, Bletchley from its junction with Saxon Street to its junction with Duncombe Street.

Exemptions from the proposed Orders include emergency service vehicles, military vehicles, statutory undertakers, building, demolition and excavation.

The made Orders will come into effect from 21st March 2016. Copies of the Orders as made together with maps showing the areas referred to may be inspected during opening hours at Milton Keynes Library, 555 Silbury Boulevard, Central Milton Keynes, Bletchley Library, Westfield Road, Bletchley and during normal office hours at Milton Keynes Council, Synergy Park, Chesney Wold, Bleak Hall, Milton Keynes, MK6 1LY.

Any person wishing to question the validity of the Orders or any provision contained in the Orders on the grounds that it is not within the powers conferred by the Road Traffic Regulation Act, or on the grounds that any requirement of the Act or any Instrument made under the Act has not been complied with may, within six weeks from the date on which the Order was made, apply to the High Court for that purpose.

#### Titles of the Proposed Orders:-

- 1) The Council of the Borough of Milton Keynes (The Council of the Borough of Milton Keynes) (Various Roads, Central Bletchley and Farnham Stratford) (Consolidation of Parking and Waiting Restrictions) Order 2002 Variation Order 2016
- 2) The Council of the Borough of Milton Keynes (Locke Road, Bletchley) (One Way Traffic) Order 2016
- 3) The Council of the Borough of Milton Keynes (Parts of Queensway, Bletchley) (Prohibition of Stopping Except Buses) Order 2016.

### (VARIOUS ROADS WITHIN CENTRAL MILTON KEYNES) (TEMPORARY CLOSURE) ORDER 2016

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Council of the Borough of Milton Keynes intends, in not less than seven days from the date of this Notice, to make an Order under Section 14(1) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, the effect of which will be to temporarily prohibit pedestrians and vehicles from entering, waiting or proceeding along the following lengths of roads in Central Milton Keynes in order to allow for the construction of the Victoria House office development:- The following lengths of road will be included in the temporary closure Order:-

- Lower Second Street, Central Milton Keynes – From its junction with Avebury Boulevard to Grafton Street;
- Avebury Boulevard, Central Milton Keynes (The north-west vehicular accessway) – between its junctions with Lower Second Street and Lower Third Street.

It is anticipated that the above lengths of road will be closed from Monday 28th March 2016 and will remain closed until 10th April 2017 or until the said works are completed, whichever will be earlier. The closures will only take effect at times during the above period only when construction works are being carried out and only when indicated by the appropriate traffic signs, which will be erected in advance of any closure.

The Order will come into effect on 28th March 2016 and will remain in effect for a maximum period of 18 months.

The Council is satisfied that the temporary closure Order is necessary to enable works to be carried out on the Victoria House office development safely.

There will be no exemptions from the provisions of the proposed Order except for controlled for emergency service vehicles on operational duties.

The closures will be clearly signed in accordance with Chapter 8 of the Traffic Signs Manual.

All affected properties will be notified of the forthcoming closures at least one week prior to works taking place.

Any person committing a breach of the order will be liable upon prosecution to such fine as is prescribed by the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984.

### (MANIFOLD LANE (PART), SHENLEY BROOK END) (TEMPORARY CLOSURE) ORDER 2016

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Council of the Borough of Milton Keynes intends, in not less than seven days from the date of this Notice, to make an Order under Section 14(1) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, the effect of which will be to temporarily prohibit vehicles from entering, waiting or proceeding along part of Manifold Lane, Shenley Brook End in order to allow for the construction of a new site entrance and drainage connection for the Oak Tree Centre development site.

The following length of road will be included in the temporary closure Order:-

- Manifold Lane, Shenley Brook End from its junction with Hartdames, Shenley Brook End and Welburn Grove, Emerson Valley;
- Whilst the above length of road is closed, the alternative route will be via Manifold Lane and Wallinger Drive, Shenley Brook End; H7 Chaffron Way; Pickering Drive and Manifold Lane, Emerson Valley (and vice versa).

It is anticipated that the above lengths of road will be closed from 25th March 2016 and will remain closed until 8th April 2016 or until the said works are completed, whichever will be earlier. The closures will only take effect at times during the above period only when construction works are being carried out and only when indicated by the appropriate traffic signs, which will be erected in advance of any closure.

The Order will come into effect on 25th March 2016 and will remain in effect for a maximum period of 3 months.

The Council is satisfied that the temporary closure Order is necessary to enable works to be carried out on the new entrance to the Oak Tree Centre development safely.

There will be no exemptions from the provisions of the proposed Order except for controlled for emergency service vehicles on operational duties.

The closures will be clearly signed in accordance with Chapter 8 of the Traffic Signs Manual.

All affected properties will be notified of the forthcoming closures at least one week prior to works taking place.

Any person committing a breach of the order will be liable upon prosecution to such fine as is prescribed by the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984.

### (ROADS AND PARTS OF ROADS IN CENTRAL MILTON KEYNES, NETHERFIELD AND WOLVERTON) (TEMPORARY CLOSURES) ORDER 2016

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Council of the Borough of Milton Keynes has on 15th March 2016 made an Order under Section 14(1) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, the effect of which will be to temporarily prohibit pedestrians and vehicles from entering, waiting or proceeding along the following lengths of road in order to allow maintenance and repair works to be carried out on the highway:-

23rd March 2016

- The junction of Silbury Boulevard and Elder Gate, Central Milton Keynes. Whilst the above length of road is closed the alternative route will be via Silbury Boulevard, Grafton Street, H5 Portway and Elder Gate (and vice versa).
- Broadlands, Netherfield – Between its junctions with Buckland Drive and Barnfield Drive. Whilst the above length of road is closed the alternative route will be via Buckland Drive, Farthing Grove and Buckland Drive (and vice versa).
- Green Lane, Wolverton – Between its junctions with Moon Street and Stacey Avenue/Radcliffe Street. Whilst the above length of road is closed the alternative route will be via Moon Street, Victoria Street and Stacey Avenue (and vice versa).
- The rear access road of Jersey Road, Wolverton – Between its junctions with Church Street and Aylesbury Street. Whilst the above length of road is closed the alternative route will be via Church Street, Jersey Road and Aylesbury Street (and vice versa).

Access to all properties will be maintained throughout the closure.

The above closures will be implemented from the 23rd March 2016 on the above dates for a maximum period of 4 hours or until the said works have been completed, whichever is the sooner. Signs will be erected several days in advance to warn motorists and pedestrians of the dates and times when the roads will be closed.

The Council is satisfied that the temporary closure Order is necessary to enable works to be carried out on the highway. The temporary Order will come into effect on 30th March 2016 and will expire on 30th June 2016 and will take effect at times during the above period only when maintenance or repair works are required and only when indicated by the appropriate traffic signs, which will be erected in advance of any closure.

There will be no exemptions from the provisions of the Order except for controlled access to business or residential properties and emergency service vehicles on operational duties.

The closure will be clearly signed in accordance with Chapter 8 of the Traffic Signs Manual.

Any person committing a breach of the order will be liable upon prosecution to such fine as is prescribed by the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984.

### (FOOTPATH 32, OAKGROVE) (TEMPORARY CLOSURE) ORDER 2016

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Council of the Borough of Milton Keynes intends, in not less than seven days from the date of this Notice, to make an Order under Section 14(1) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, the effect of which will be to temporarily prohibit any access to or along the entire length of Footpath 32, Oakgrove in order to allow works to be carried out on site at the Oakgrove Housing Development on or near to the said footpath.

The Council is satisfied that the temporary closure Order is necessary to prevent the likelihood of danger to the public or serious damage to the footpath which is not attributable to such works.

The proposed Order will come into operation on 24th March 2016 and will continue in force for a maximum period of 6 months or until the said works have been completed, whichever is the sooner. If the works are not completed within the maximum period stated, a further Order may be made.

A temporary footpath that will run adjacent to Footpath 32 will be constructed to be used as an alternative route during the closure period.

There will be no exemptions from the provisions of the proposed Order. The closure will be clearly signed in accordance with Chapter 8 of the Traffic Signs Manual.

The temporary closure will be in force on the date shown when indicated by the appropriate traffic signs displayed along the affected footpath.

Any person committing a breach of the order will be liable upon prosecution to such fine as is prescribed by the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984.

### (ROADS AND PARTS OF ROADS IN OLNEY, SHERINGTON, STANTONBURY AND WOLVERTON) (TEMPORARY CLOSURES) ORDER 2016

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Council of the Borough of Milton Keynes intends, in not less than seven days from the date of this Notice, to make an Order under Section 14(1) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, the effect of which will be to temporarily prohibit pedestrians and vehicles from entering, waiting or proceeding along the following lengths of road in order to allow maintenance and repair works to be carried out on the highway:-

30th March 2016

- East Street, Olney – between its junctions with Lace Mews and Elmea Close. Whilst the above length of road is closed the alternative route will be via Silver End, Market Place, A509 and Holes Lane (and vice versa).
- Elmea Drive, Olney – Between its junctions with Dells and Springfield Road. Whilst the above length of road is closed the alternative route will be via Spinney Hill Road, Spring Lane, West Street and Long Lane (and vice versa).
- West Street, Olney – Between its junctions with Spring Lane and Orchard Rise. Whilst the above length of road is closed the alternative route will be via Spring Lane, High Street and West Street (and vice versa).
- Croft End, Sherington – Between its junctions with School Lane and Bedford Road. Whilst the above length of road is closed the alternative route will be via School Lane, Church Road and High Street (and vice versa).
- Redbridge, Stantonbury – Between its junctions with Ashfield and Little Stanton. Whilst the above road is closed the alternative route will be via Little Stanton, Crossroads, Stanton Gate V8 Marlborough Street and Ashfields (and vice versa).
- Spencer, Stantonbury – Between its junctions with Mason and Lincoln. Whilst the above closure is in place the alternative route will be via Mason, Kersey, and Lincoln (and vice versa).
- Windsor Street, Wolverton - Between its junctions with Stratford Road and Aylesbury Street.

Whilst the above length of road is closed the alternative route will be via Stratford Road, Jersey Road and Aylesbury Street.

Access to all properties will be maintained throughout the closure. The above closures will be implemented from the 30th March 2016 on the above dates for a maximum period of 4 hours or until the said works have been completed, whichever is the sooner. Signs will be erected several days in advance to warn motorists and pedestrians of the dates and times when the roads will be closed.

The Council is satisfied that the temporary closure Order is necessary to enable works to be carried out on the highway. The temporary Order will come into effect on 30th March 2016 and will expire on 30th June 2016 and will take effect at times during the above period only when maintenance or repair works are required and only when indicated by the appropriate traffic signs, which will be erected in advance of any closure.

There will be no exemptions from the provisions of the proposed Order except for controlled access to business or residential properties and emergency service vehicles on operational duties.

The closure will be clearly signed in accordance with Chapter 8 of the Traffic Signs Manual.

All affected properties will be notified of the forthcoming closures at least one week prior to works taking place.

Any person committing a breach of the order will be liable upon prosecution to such fine as is prescribed by the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984.

16th March 2016

Sydney Park, Chesney Wold, Bleak Hall Tony Toynton  
Milton Keynes MK6 1LY Service Director – Public Realm

#### Milton Keynes Council

The following applications may be inspected at the Planning and Transport Department, Civic Offices, 1 Saxon Gate East, Milton Keynes. Representations, if any, to be submitted in writing to the above address within 21 days of the publication of this notice.

#### SECTION 73

16/00482/FUL

#### WITHIN A CONSERVATION AREA

New single storey carport with separate cycle and refuse store and demolition of existing corrugated brick wall at 226 Church Street, Wolverton.

16/00493/FUL

Loft conversion to rear of dwelling - including re-roofing main and single storey roof. Insulated external cladding to single storey building at rear of property and new roof lights at 76 Windsor Street, Wolverton.

16/00530/FUL

Part two storey part first floor front extensions and part two storey and part single storey rear extension. Demolition of an existing rear conservatory a t 55 High Street, Stoke Goldington.

16/00544/TCA

Notification of intention to fell 1 Monkey Puzzle (T1), 1 Wild Cherry (T2), 1 Norway Spruce (T3), 1 Purple Plum (T5), 1 Elderberry (T6) and to reduce the canopy to 4metres to 1 Pear tree (T4) at 34 Wolverton Road, Stony Stratford.

16/00583/TCA

Notification of intention to reduce crown by approximately 1.15m all over of x1 mature Yew tree (T1), the tree is outgrowing its position and encroaching on the adjacent building; reduce crown by approximately 1m all over and remove hanging branches to x1 Cedar (T2), the tree is outgrowing its position; crown thin by 20% to x1 Silver Birch (T3) completed as routine maintenance at 1 Burley Cottages, Walton Road, Milton Keynes Village.

#### SECTION 6 & 73

16/00483/LBC

Listed building consent for single storey side extension and internal alterations. Demolition of an existing porch at 60 Church Green Road, Bletchley.

16/00489/LBC

Listed building consent for brass plaque inside church at St Lawrence Church, London Road, Broughton.

16/00563/DISCON

Details submitted pursuant to discharge of condition 7 (proposed window details) attached to planning permission 13/02179/LBC at 16 Horsefair Green, Stony Stratford.

#### SECTION 67

16/00265/LBC

Listed building consent to create a fenced external play area, construct a canopy, and buggy and cycle shelters, changes to parking spaces and external signage; adapt internal arrangements to incorporate children's washrooms, construct minor non-structural walls to compartment the stairs, fit-out existing first floor space as a kitchen and create an access door between first floor areas at Chantry House, 11-13 Watling Street, Bletchley.

16/00389/DISCON

Details submitted pursuant to discharge of condition 4 (archaeology) attached to planning permission 15/02004/FUL.

at The Kickles, Lakes Lane, Newport Pagnell.

### TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACT (AS AMENDED) TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACT (DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT PROCEDURES) ORDER 2010

#### NOTICE UNDER ARTICLE 13 MAJOR

16/00533/REM

Reserved matters application for access, appearance, landscaping, layout and scale pursuant to outline planning permission 13/02130/OUT for erection of 33 dwellings and associated works at 1 Osier Way, Olney.

16/00540/FUL

Development of operations store, quality control facility, car parking with access from Groveway, reconfigure main access arrangements from Hullwell Gate, including new gatehouse and associated works. Associated works include: partial demolition of Building 59; demolition of Building 59A; earthworks; foul and surface water drainage; cycle storage; landscaping; sprinkler tank and other ancillary plant and infrastructure at Walton Manor, Brickhill Street H9 To H10.

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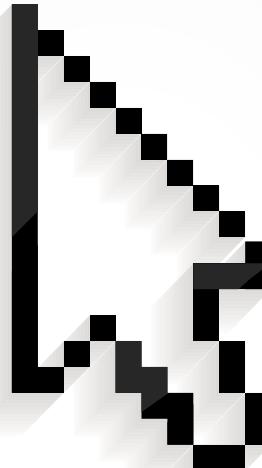
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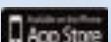
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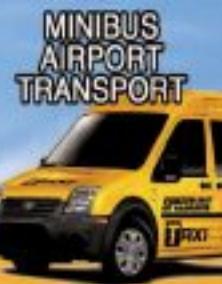
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## Introducing Maserati's First SUV - The Levante

With the Levante a new wind is blowing through the SUV segment, guaranteeing the passion, the flair and the exclusivity that have distinguished all Maserati models for over a century. Made in Italy and designed in the Maserati studio at the FCA "Centro Stile" of Turin, its design defines a new style in the SUV world, combining coupé lines with impressive interior space.

The Maserati Levante marks a turning point in Maserati's history. The brand new model, which made its World Premiere at the 2016 Geneva Motor Show, enables the Trident to access the largest luxury segment in the world. The Levante significantly contributes to the creation of the most complete product line-up in Maserati's history.

The name Levante was inspired by a warm, Mediterranean wind that can change from mild to gale force in an instant, mirroring the character of the first Maserati SUV. It's based on the evolution of the saloon platform, designed exclusively by Maserati. The chassis has been specifically developed to offer unique on-road drivability and competitive off-road capability, with day-to-day comfort and practicality. The premium Italian SUV was conceived around three main pillars: Design, Exclusivity and Performance. It represents the optimum blend of these three elements in the SUV world.

The Levante's design is distinctive and attractive, embracing the aesthetic elements of Italian style. The design brings a new concept to the SUV world, combining spaciousness and coupé lines while achieving the best aerodynamic efficiency in its segment with a Cx coefficient of just 0.31.



Its exclusivity stems from technical features like Air Suspension and the Q4 AWD system, which come as standard equipment, and the high level of customisation that includes two cutting-edge packages, Sport and Luxury. The result is a driving experience that is as unique as the Maserati brand and its customers.

The Maserati Levante delivers unparalleled agility in the luxury SUV class. The thoroughbred on-road handling typical of all Maserati cars and the solid off-road capabilities, as demanded in the SUV segment, describe the car's overall ethos.

The Levante is here to excite any sports car driver counting on performance-oriented features, such as the extensive use of lightweight materials, ideal 50-50% weight distribution and it's lowest in class centre of gravity.

The aluminium "double wishbone - five link" suspension layout is

comprised of standard Air Springs and electronically controlled Skyhook shock absorbers. In conjunction with the intelligent Q4 All-Wheel-Drive system and the newly introduced Torque Vectoring system which deliver GT on-road behaviour and surprising - for a Maserati - off-road capabilities: the Levante is designed to deliver best in class comfort on rough roads and handling on snow and ice. The off-road equipment completes a product made to surprise avid travellers and adventure lovers as well.

Engine-wise, the Levante is equipped with the latest evolution of the Maserati 3-litre V6 engines. The two versions of the twin-turbo petrol engine and the economical turbodiesel are globally acclaimed for their unique Maserati signature sound and for their exceptional performance. The petrol Maserati V6 engine with latest GDI and twin-turbo is available

in two versions: the top of the range 430 hp and the exciting 350 hp. The most powerful Levante makes it to 100 km/h in 5.2" and has a top speed of 264 km/h, while the figures for the 350 hp version are 6.0" and 251 km/h respectively.

The Levante is also available with a common-rail, direct injection turbodiesel V6 with reduced dwell time injectors. The 3-litre engine is capable of 275 hp and delivers 0-100 km/h in 6.9 seconds and a 230 km/h maximum speed while keeping the fuel economy as low as 7.2 litres/100 km under the New European Driving Cycle (NEDC).

Both petrol and diesel versions of the Maserati Levante use the eight-speed automatic ZF gearbox that provides seamless comfort and fast gear shifting, depending on the selected drive mode. The Levante driver can choose between four drive modes, "Normal", I.C.E., "Sport" and "Off-road". Each one constitutes distinct characteristics intelligently altering engine, transmission, suspension and electronics features.

Maserati's more than 100-year tradition of craftsmanship and cutting-edge technology guarantees outstanding quality right down to the tiniest of details. The 5-metre long Levante is the longest car in its segment and its 3-metre wheelbase is 6-10 cm longer than that of its major competitors. As a result, the car is one of the roomiest in its class and also boasts the sportiest and most elegant design in the luxury SUV segment.

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## Fiat 500

### 500 Not Out

Fiat's trendy little 500 citycar may look little different but it's been significantly improved. Outside, the only changes are a re-styled front grille and sleeker rear tail lights, but under the skin, the Italian brand claims that over 1,800 modifications have been made. There are cleverer infotainment systems across the range, extra efficiency under the bonnet and more options in terms of personalisation.

Fiat promise improvements to both ride and handling for this revised 500, though this will probably be of limited interest to the car's urban-minded audience. The petrol-only engine range is pretty familiar from before, which means that the entry level option is still a 1.2-litre naturally aspirated four cylinder petrol unit with 69PS. Cars fitted with this engine now receive bigger brakes to help safety and get the option of an 'Eco' package. Spend a little more and you can choose one of the two far more modern and efficient 'TwinAir' two cylinder turbocharged petrol powerplants, with either 85PS or 105PS. There's a 95bhp 1.3-litre MultiJet engine option if you want it. Plus, as before, there are potent 1.4-litre turbo petrol Abarth models on offer for hot hatch fans.

Go for a 500 with a TwinAir petrol unit, as many buyers will, and you'll find that the engine can get a bit vocal if you work it hard. Even then though, the gruff, slightly throaty note is characterful rather than unpleasant and around town, refinement is more than acceptable. If you are urban-bound, you might also want to consider the optional (but rather jerky) Dualogic gearbox, a kind of manual transmission without a clutch. Unless you like all that left-foot pumping of course. City dwellers will also appreciate the tight 9.3m turning circle.

Fiat would've been unwise to mess with the 500's shape too much, so sensibly, they've kept exterior styling tweaks to the minimum with this improved model. As before, there's a single three-door bodystyle, though you can order it in soft-topped '500C' form if you like the idea of having an electric fabric-folding roof. As for those design changes, well up front, there's a sleeker chrome grille that sits below revised headlights and is positioned at more of an angle than before. Between these two elements are smarter daytime running lights, with a shape that echoes the zeros of the '500' logo. Rounding the front off are updated chrome trims and a ribbed bonnet that looks that little more stylish.

At the rear, there are smarter tail lights that incorporate a body-coloured panel in the centre. This has meant the

reversing and fog lights have moved from the clusters to the lower rear bumper. Your Fiat dealer will also offer you a more fashionable choice of wheels, graphic packages and paint colours to round off the updates.

Inside, the biggest change is the inclusion of 'Uconnect' infotainment systems on all models, although only the top 'Lounge' variant is fitted with a touchscreen as standard. Redesigned air vents flank the screen, leading to a much more integrated feel than you'd get in many more expensive cars. Drivers will also appreciate the smarter steering wheel with its chrome-plated switches. Plus, if they're in a plush 'Lounge' model, they've the benefit of an optional 7" TFT instrument cluster. The 185-litre boot remains as before, no bad thing as this still trumps many rivals.

As before, there's a choice of fixed-top and convertible 500 models. The open-topped 500C variants require a premium of around £2,500 over their standard counterparts. If you're happy with tin-top 500 motoring, then you'll find pricing that's a fraction higher than before, yet which still starts just shy of £11,000 for the baseline 1.2-litre Pop version. Above this variant, you can upgrade yourself to 'Pop Star' trim, which opens access to the TwinAir engine options you'll probably want. You'll need a £15,000 budget for top 'Lounge' trim. While these are cheaper and more practical cars out there, these prices are on par with other style led hatchbacks like Vauxhall's ADAM - and they undercut what you'd pay for a comparable MINI Hatch 3-door. Key options include the Dualogic semi-auto gearbox which requires a premium of around £750.

To be honest, Fiat hasn't needed to do a whole lot to retain this 500 model's popularity. It still looks great, it's always been fun to drive and providing the pricing doesn't get too ambitious, the market remains there for it. As for this updated version, well the interior improvements are welcome as is the extra technology. And there are plenty of extra personalisation options for Fiat dealers to talk about in the showroom.

Otherwise, things are much as before, which means that the TwinAir two cylinder petrol unit remains a key part of this Fiat's appeal. The sound and eager response suit the car and though the quoted running cost returns are difficult to achieve in real-world motoring, it certainly makes the 500 a very cheap thing to run indeed. Yes, this model remains pretty small inside, but then smallness is all part of the appeal. You'll appreciate that when zipping around town in one. In summary then, this car remains as likeable as ever. Choosing a 'fashionable' little runabout can often be a risk. Here though, is one you can enjoy without a care.

#### FACTS AT A GLANCE

CAR: FIAT 500 range

PRICES: [3-door Hatch] £10,690-£ 18,640 – on the road

INSURANCE GROUPS: 5-15

CO2 EMISSIONS: 92-111g/km

PERFORMANCE: [0.9 TwinAir 105PS]

0-62mph 10.0s/ top speed 117mph

FUEL CONSUMPTION: [0.9 TwinAir 85PS] (combined) 74.3mpg

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## Subaru Produces 15 Millionth All-Wheel Drive Car

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synonymous with the Subaru brand and its products. Since then, Subaru has continuously developed and enhanced its AWD technology and the basic functions of its cars, with the consistent aim to make driving safer and more enjoyable. In 2015, AWD-equipped models accounted for 98% of Subaru's global sales.



## FORD TAKES HONOURS AT UK CAR OF THE YEAR AWARDS

Ford models have won UK Car of the Year Awards for the third year in succession. The all-new right-hand drive Ford Mustang took Coupé of the Year, winning over the judges with its performance, value for money and fun factor. UK Car of the Year honours are decided by a panel of 27 British motoring journalists, including contributors to national newspapers, consumer and industry magazines, websites and TV. Ford Mustang owners can choose between 317PS of EcoBoost



power or 416PS of V8 muscle, with prices starting from £30,495. In addition, the style and practicality of the latest Ford S-MAX helped secure Multi-Purpose Vehicle of the Year Award for the acclaimed Ford model.

## SKODA VISIONS POINTS TO THE FUTURE



SKODA is taking the next step in the brand's model campaign: in the coming years, the Czech car manufacturer will be gradually expanding its offering in the SUV segment.

The SKODA VisionS concept car gives an insight into the future SUV above the Yeti, which will be presented in the second half of 2016. Besides the future SUV design language, the show car reveals the most important technological innovations that SKODA will be placing an emphasis on in the coming years.



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## MG Set To Carry February Success Into March



MG saw a fantastic 63% increase in new car registrations in February. Customers keen to snap up the great cars and offers resulted in another surge in sales for the manufacturer. In February, MG registered 103 cars compared to 63 in 2015. Year-to-date, sales are already up more than 100% from last year. The brand's MG3 is still standing out as the best-seller, a title it looks set to carry into March.

## New Kia Sportage Enters UK Top Ten



Kia has seen the Sportage enter the Top Ten UK best-sellers as the all-new model enjoyed its first month on sale. With 2,889 new cars delivered to customers in February, Kia saw its market share reach 3.46 per cent and for the first two months of 2016 the brand recorded a sales figure of 7,955 – a 3.14 per cent market share. Astonishingly, in its first month on sale Sportage contributed to a stunning performance with 1,521 vehicles delivered to customers and dealers report huge demand for March deliveries. More than 5,000 customer orders have been placed since the latest generation of Kia's stand-out compact SUV hit showrooms on 5 February.

## Introducing The 330PS Volkswagen Golf GTI TCR

The new Volkswagen Golf GTI TCR has the seal of quality in its name: 40 years after the launch of the first Golf GTI, the customer sports version also possesses the acronym that, since 1976, has been synonymous with the Wolfsburg-based car maker's sporting character, powerful engines and maximum performance. Since it was first

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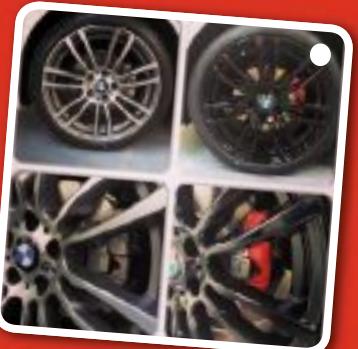
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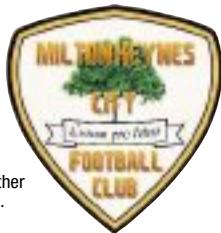
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BY SCOTT KIRK

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MK RACER Andrew Jarman is set to kick start his 2016 season campaign at the world famous Fuji Motor Speedway in Japan on Sunday.

He is in Japan for the next round of the GT Challenge with Official Aston Martin Racing Partner Team, Alpha Classics Racing, in their GT3 Aston Martin Racing Vantage.

After a successful end to his 2016 Avon Tyres British GT Championship season that included back to back podiums and pole positions, Jarman is looking to build on the momentum he gained.

"It's great to be back in an Aston GT3 car after the long winter break," he said.

"This will be my second time racing in Fuji and it's somewhere I always wished to come back to.

"Alpha Classics Racing is a rela-

**In the fast lane: Racer Andrew Jarman is ready for the 2016 season**

tively new team in Japan but with big aspirations and I'm delighted to be joining them."

In addition to racing in Japan this season, Jarman is hoping to

continue his successful GT3 graduation after stepping into the class in 2015 with an announcement coming soon on his plans for the rest of the season.

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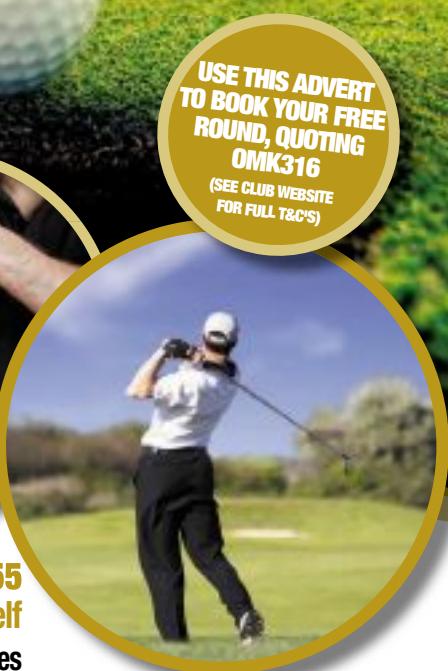
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**NON-LEAGUE FOOTBALL**

A DOMINIC Lawless double helped Newport Pagnell Town to a 2-0 victory at home to Sleaford Town in the United Counties League Premier Division.

In Division One Olney Town were smashed 6-1 by Blackstones, with Craig Ralph scoring Olney's goal. In the Spartan South Midlands Division One, New Bradwell St Peter lost 3-1 at Coldicote. Division Two saw Loughton Manor win 4-0 at Clean Slate, while Old Bradwell United beat The 61FC (Luton) 2-1. Mursley United lost 6-2 against Pitstone and Ivinghoe.

**ATHLETICS**

GREG Rutherford had to pull out of the World Indoor Championships on Friday as a precaution to make sure he is fit for the Rio Olympics. The climax of the cross-country season at the annual Inter-Counties Championships at Coton Park, Birmingham, saw Marshall Milton Keynes Athletics Club provide nearly half the athletes representing Buckinghamshire.

There were 6,000 runners in the annual Silverstone Half Marathon where Steve Green finished fifth knocking more than a minute off his personal best with a time of 76.02.

**HOCKEY**

MILTON Keynes Ladies beat Henley 3-1 in Division 3A of the South Clubs' Women's Hockey League, while the South Hockey League Premier Division One saw MK's men beat the male counterparts at Henley 5-3.

**TABLE TENNIS**

REIGNING champions MK Spinners are set to retain their Milton Keynes Table Tennis title after beating close rivals Greenleys Monarchs 7-3 this week. Monarchs have to win 10-0 against MK Kingpins in the final week, having only beaten them 8-2 twice over this year. They also have to hope that Spinners fail to win their own last match, which is against MK Walking Wounded. MK Kingpins beat MK Phoenix 8-2, MK Walking Wounded whitewashed MK Powers 10-0 and Greenleys Kings couldn't raise a team to play MK Sasaki so they were given a walkover.

**RUGBY UNION**

OLNEY U18 Girls decimated Ashfield to become Midlands and Eastern Counties Champion. The senior ladies team are now top of their division having beaten Old Newtonians 76-0.

**ICE HOCKEY**

# Pirates blitzed but top four hopes still hang in balance

By SCOTT KIRK

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FANS were treated to a goal feast for the second successive game at MK Arena when MK Lightning outplayed Hull Pirates in an 11-3 victory on Saturday.

It took the number of goals Lightning had scored in the last two home games to 18.

The win was sandwiched by two defeats on the road – a 3-2 loss to Swindon Wildcats last Wednesday and a 4-2 defeat at Telford Tigers on Sunday. The latter result almost certainly ended MK's hopes of finishing higher than fifth in the English Premier League.

Saturday's game was over as a contest almost before it began with the first goal coming inside the first two minutes and the hosts establishing a 5-0 lead by the first break. Bobby Chamberlain opened the account after just two minutes before Luc Johnson bagged his second senior goal.

Frankie Bakrlik made it 3-0 at 14 minutes before Glenn Billing and Lewis Christie made it 5-0.

Hull scored twice but then it was back to business for the home side as Jordan Cownie made it 6-2 on 32 minutes before Pirates got their final goal.

The response could hardly have been swifter with Lightning's reply coming just 11 seconds later as Lewis Hook got in on the act.

Bakrlik then beat Raitums for the final time to make it 8-3 on 39 minutes.

Pirates changed netminders at the



Pirates thrashed: Lightning beat bottom club Hull Pirates 11-3 on Saturday but were beaten 4-2 by Telford Tigers on Sunday

Pic by Tony Sargent

start of the third session – Ashley Smith taking over only to concede 58 seconds later with Chamberlain taking the score to 9-3.

Lightning added their 10th goal through Cownie at 49 minutes.

By then Hull must have been wishing referee Matt Thompson would end the game early. However, Bakrlik rounded off his hat trick 25 seconds from the

buzzer.

On Sunday at Telford goalie Dean Skinnis returned between the pipes and he quickly conceded a goal when Joe Miller scored after just 48 seconds.

The city outfit were missing captain Adam Carr and Jack Watkins and Bakrlik was dismissed for spearing.

Lightning got back in the game with a short-handed goal from Lewis Hook on 7mins 47secs to make it 1-1.

Tigers regained the lead and they

went on to go 4-1 up before Martti Jarventie made the final score 4-2.

Lightning must now win their two remaining games and Tigers pick up no more than one point from their last three matches to reclaim the top four spot.

On Saturday they host newly crowned league champions Basingstoke Bison at MK Arena in the final home league game before going to Hull Pirates on Sunday.

**BADMINTON**

## Defeat for Adcocks is 'tough to take'



Knocked out: Chris and Gabby Adcock lost in the semi-finals of the Yonex All England Open Badminton Championship on Saturday. Picture: Badminton Photo

CHRIS Adcock admitted his dramatic Yonex All England Open Badminton Championship semi-final defeat on Saturday was a bitter pill to swallow.

Chris and wife Gabby got off to a disappointing start against fifth seeds Joachim Fischer Nielsen and Christinna Pedersen as they trailed 11-4 at the midway point of the first game at Birmingham's Barclaycard Arena.

And while they clawed it back to 10-12 at one point, they ended up losing the opener 21-13.

The English pairing have never beaten the Danes but they looked set to take it to a final set as they led 20-15 and were then awarded the winning point, only for it to be overturned on appeal.

And Nielsen and Pedersen produced a remarkable comeback to book their place in Sunday's final with a 21-13, 22-20 win.

Chris said: "It is very tough to take. We did not impose our style on them and they came out very solid."

"We found our groove and were dominating the whole of the second

set so to let four set points go like that, is really hard to take."

"We always learn from every win or loss. It is tough to know what we will learn from it at the minute but we will go back and make sure we put right what went wrong."

But it was still a hugely successful tournament for the Adcocks as their victory over the world's number two

duo Tontowi Ahmad and Liliyana Natsir on Friday meant they were the first Brits to reach the semi-final of the Yonex All England since 2008.

Chris added: "We have got to another semi-final, we have beaten the world number two pair and we know we are in there with a shout of qualifying for Rio."

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2 Middlesbrough	36	12	3	2	26	6	8	4	7	21
3 Hull	35	11	5	1	31	7	8	3	18	14
4 Brighton	38	12	3	3	27	15	5	11	22	19
5 Derby	37	9	6	3	27	13	7	5	23	22
6 Sheff Wed	37	10	6	2	33	15	5	8	20	21
7 Cardiff	37	10	7	2	28	17	5	6	20	23
8 Birmingham	36	9	2	6	19	16	6	8	5	18
9 Ipswich	36	7	6	4	21	17	8	4	7	23
10 Preston	37	7	7	4	17	15	6	6	18	19
11 QPR	37	8	8	3	31	20	4	6	8	22
12 Wolves	37	6	7	6	24	25	6	4	8	21
13 Leeds	36	5	7	6	15	18	6	7	5	23
14 Notts Forest	36	7	6	6	22	19	4	6	7	11
15 Reading	35	7	8	3	20	12	4	3	10	29
16 Blackburn	36	7	7	5	23	16	3	6	8	13
17 Brentford	36	7	3	8	24	26	5	4	9	24
18 Huddersfield	37	7	4	8	29	24	4	5	9	19
19 Bristol City	37	4	6	8	17	29	6	4	9	17
20 Fulham	37	5	5	9	30	31	3	8	7	26
21 Doncaster	37	7	3	8	17	23	2	7	10	14
22 Rotherham	37	7	4	8	28	31	3	2	13	31
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Racer Andrew gears up for new season

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Score: Antony Kay celebrates his goal after Dons drew 1-1 at title-chasing Hull City on Saturday. Boss Karl Robinson said the players were delighted for him

Australia awaits as the F1 season starts on Sunday

THE longest ever Formula One season gets underway on Sunday as Red Bull Racing look to improve on last season's performance.

Red Bull struggled in 2015, with Daniil Kvyat finishing seventh, Daniel Ricciardo ending the season in eighth and the team finishing fourth.

Team principal Christian Horner believes it will take a few races before it becomes clear how the team should fare in this 21-race campaign, which features a new elimination-style qualifying process.

"We can only do the best that we can and then we'll be measured in each Grand Prix against our opponents," Horner told Red Bull Racing's website.

"I hope we will have managed to close the gap but you can never tell and it's very difficult to make predictions at this stage."

"My hopes for this season are that we make progress from last season."

"The progress during the second half of 2015 is something we're looking to carry on in the early stages of this season."

Lots of speculation mounted about Red Bull at the end of last season over their future in the sport given the poor performance of the Renault engine.

However, Horner is optimistic about this season and believes drivers Ricciardo and Kvyat are a good duo.

"Our colleagues in France have made some progress so we can hopefully be optimistic of a reasonable showing."

"I think he [Kvyat] gave a good account of himself – hopefully we can give him a better car and we can see his talent shine."

"Daniel's second year was much harder than his first and he coped with those challenges well."

"It's a great, young, dynamic combination."

## Robbo's delight as Antony makes it 0-Kay at Tigers

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DONS boss Karl Robinson said Antony Kay was a popular goalscorer in the dressing room after their 1-1 draw at Hull City on Saturday.

The 33-year-old has had a difficult 2016 so far, having scored an own goal at Leeds United in January and been displaced by Joe Walsh over recent weeks. But an injury to Walsh has given Kay his place back in the line-up and he rewarded Robinson

by scoring at Hull. He was also a critical part of a defence that was stoic in holding on to a vital point.

"I was chuffed for him and we all said that it couldn't happen to a nicer man," said Robinson.

"For four seasons he has dedicated himself to the club and he got a bit of unfair criticism for the Leeds United own goal."

"You saw how the players celebrated with him and that gave me a little smile inside when he scored."

"It is important that we score from set pieces because we have been

quite weak from them, but I thought Rob Hall's delivery was excellent on Saturday. We need to find that element within us because set pieces are important."

This weekend sees Dons entertain another title-chaser in Brighton, which means another return for former striker Sam Baldock – brother of George and a player who has scored goals against Dons in the past.

Around 20,000 fans are expected at stadiummk, with about 7,000 tickets already sold to Seagulls' fans so far.

Carl Baker will be in the squad for the first time since he injured his ankle at Leeds in January, while goalkeeper David Martin's hamstring injury that saw him brought off in the second half at Hull on Saturday is not as bad as first feared. He will be monitored throughout the week to see if he can make the Brighton game.

Ben Reeves has a calf problem so that will likely see him out of the squad for Brighton, while on-loan Jake Forster-Caskey is ineligible to play against his parent club.

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